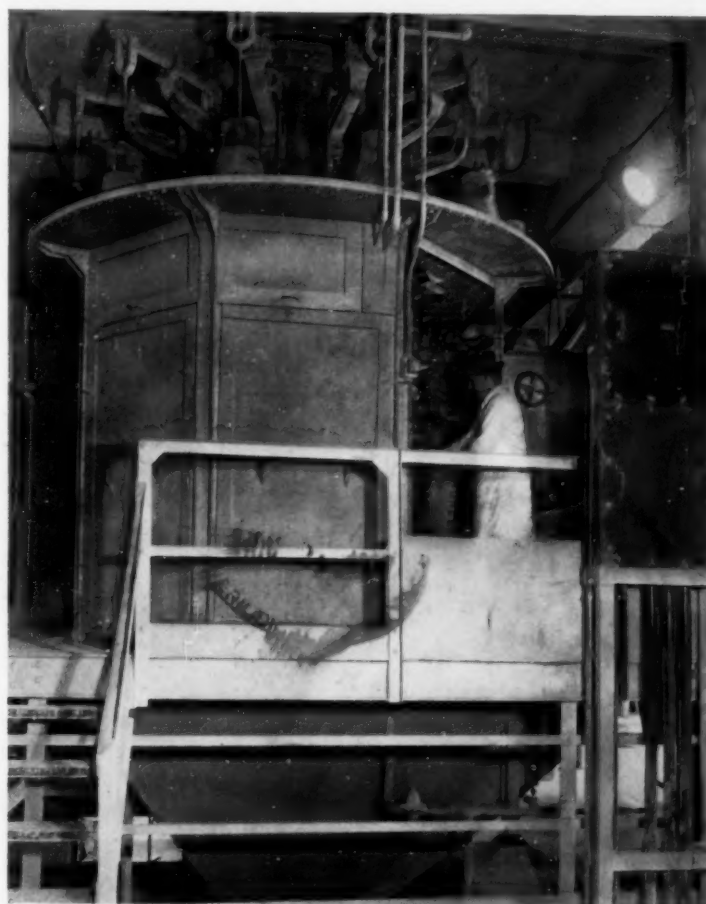


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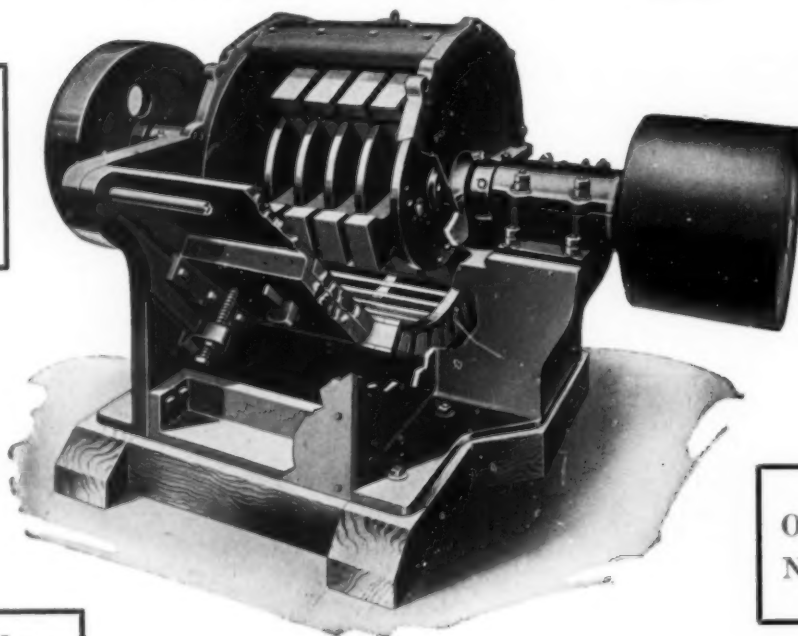
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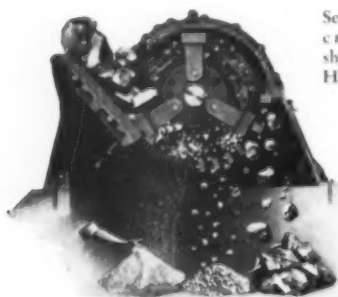


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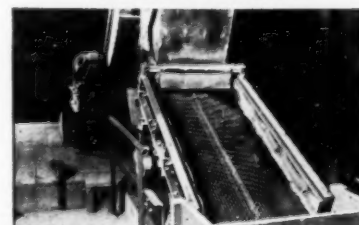
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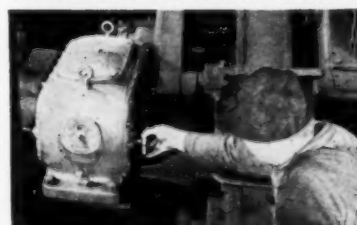
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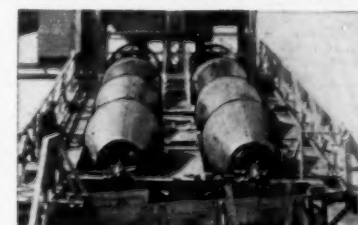
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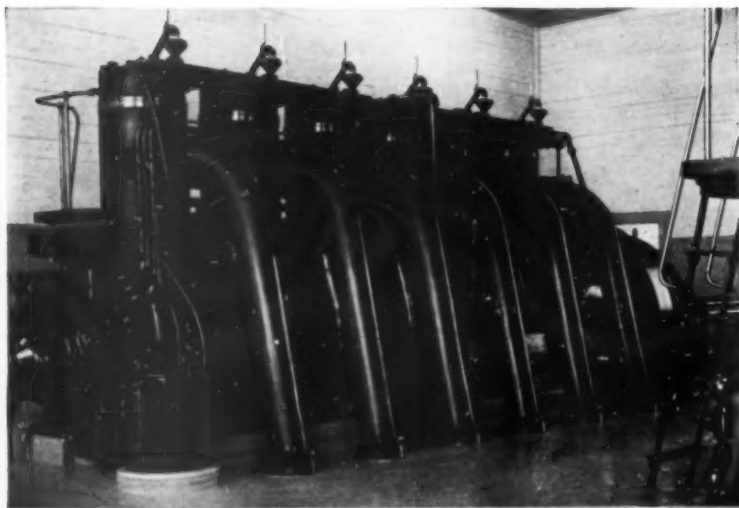
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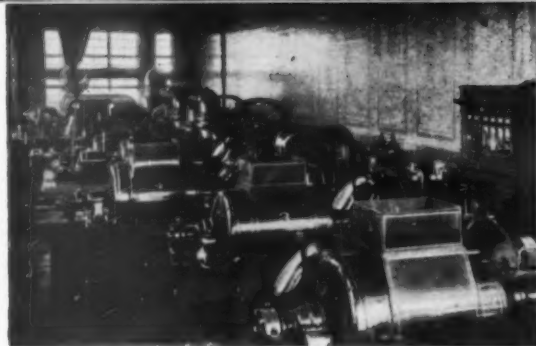


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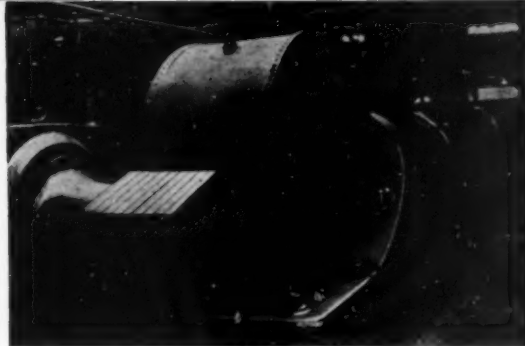


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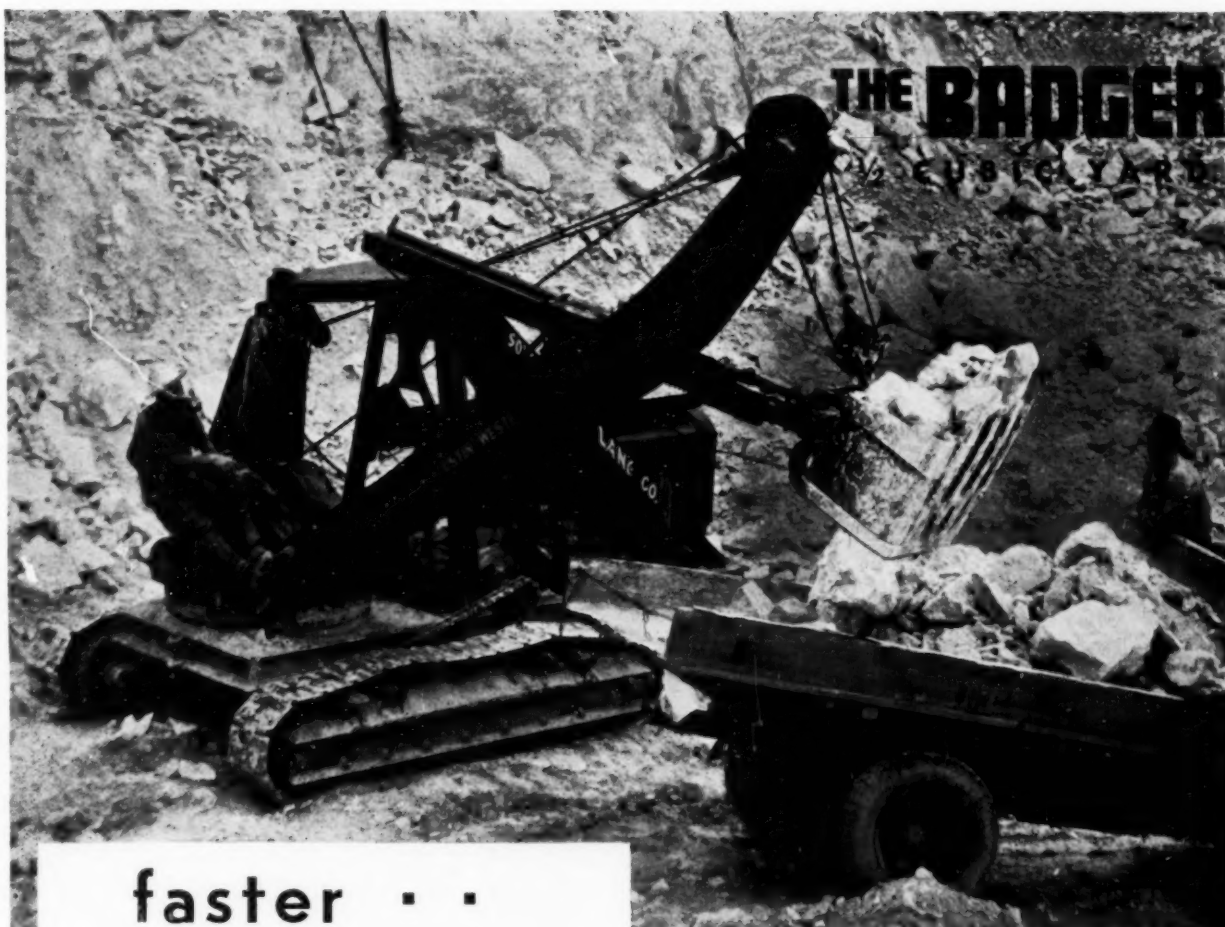
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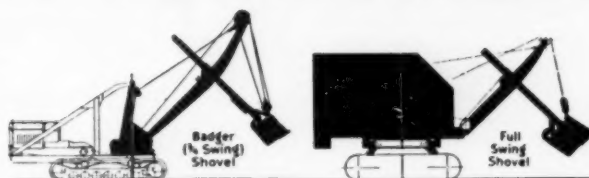
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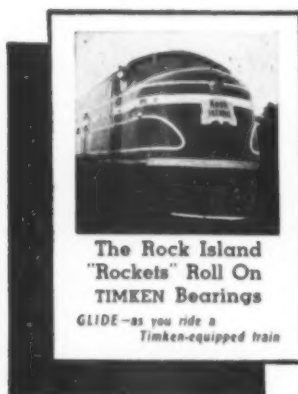
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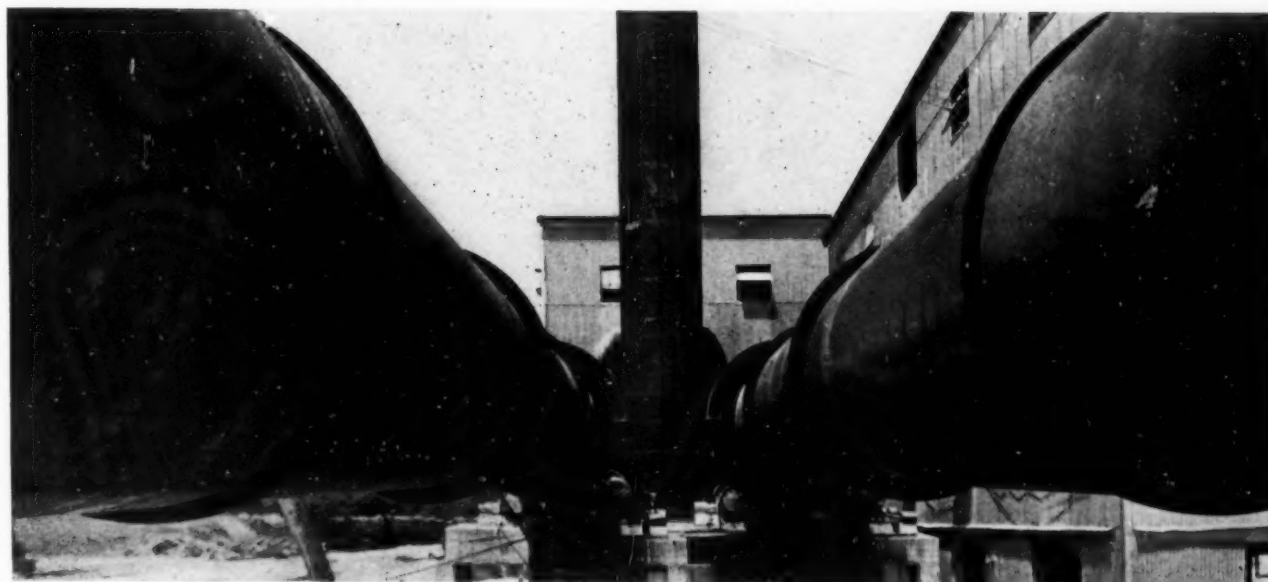


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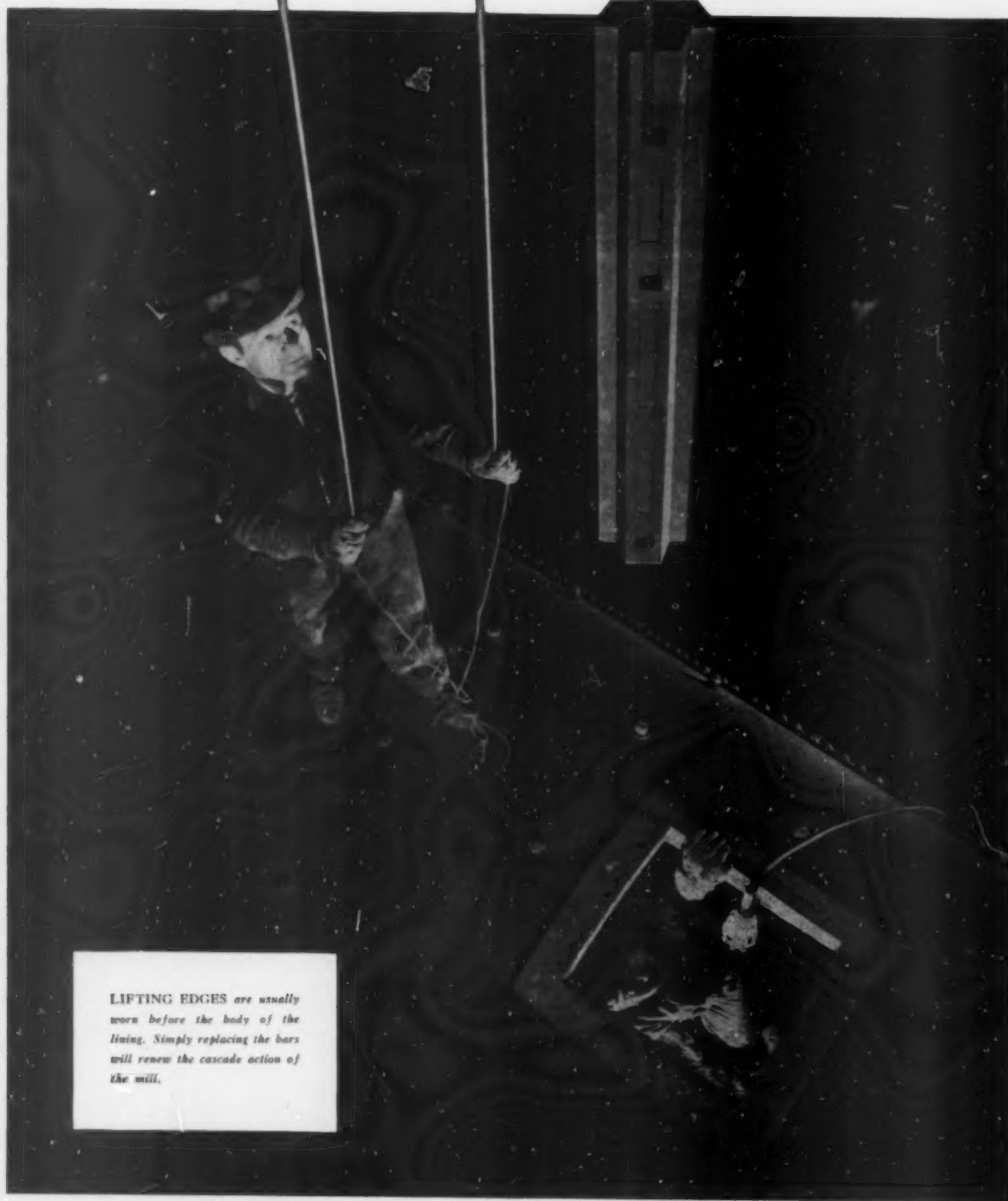
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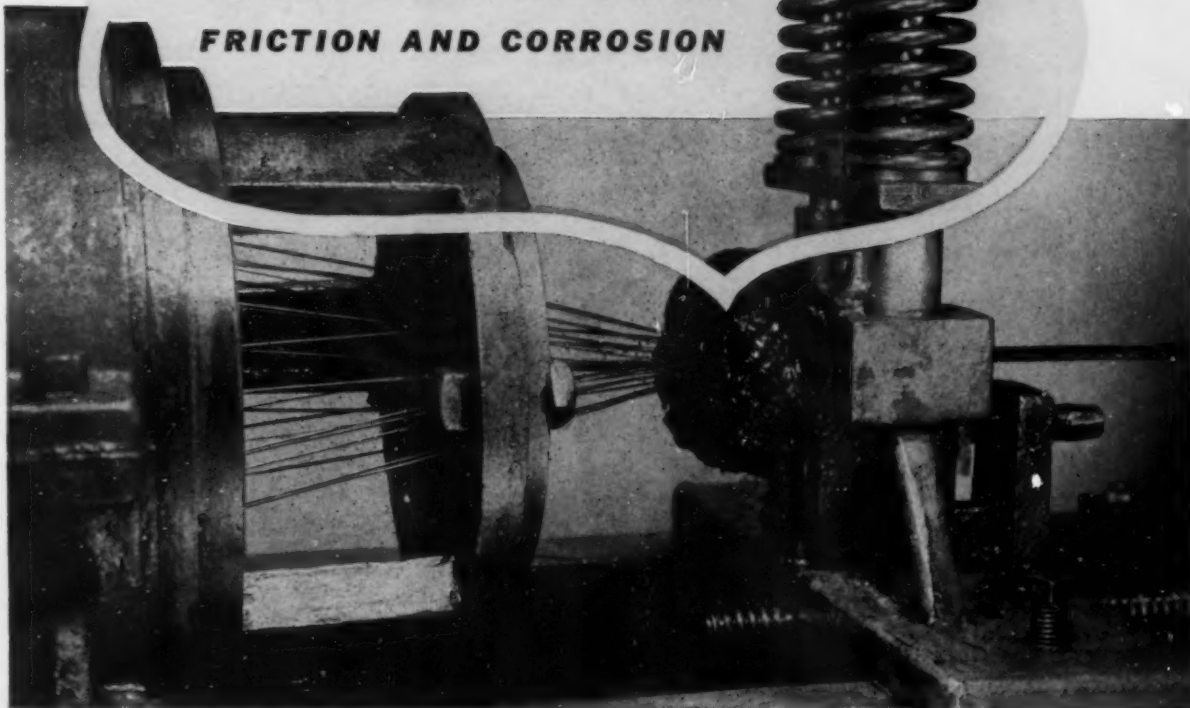
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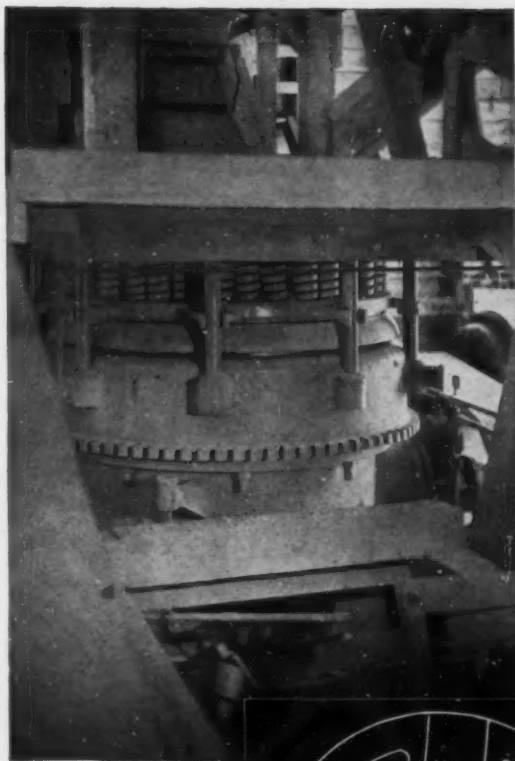
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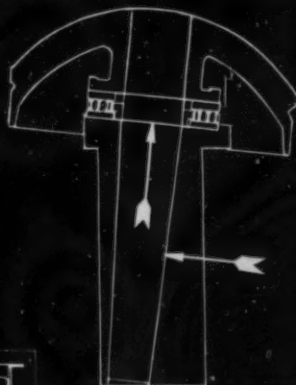
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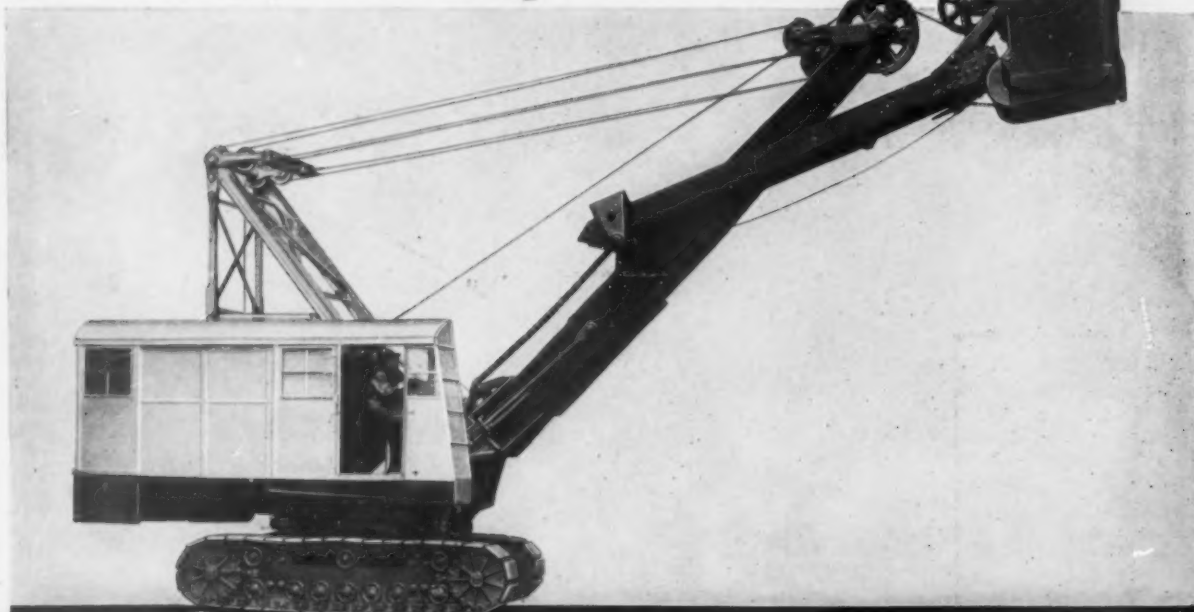




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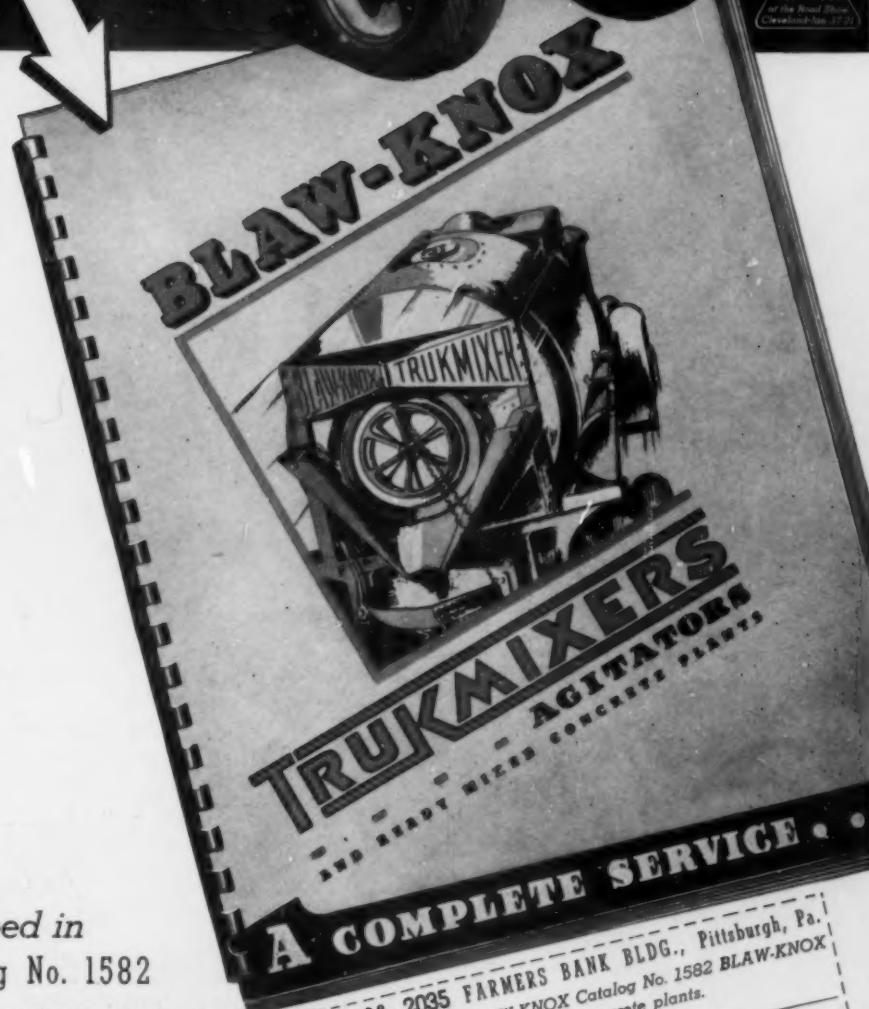
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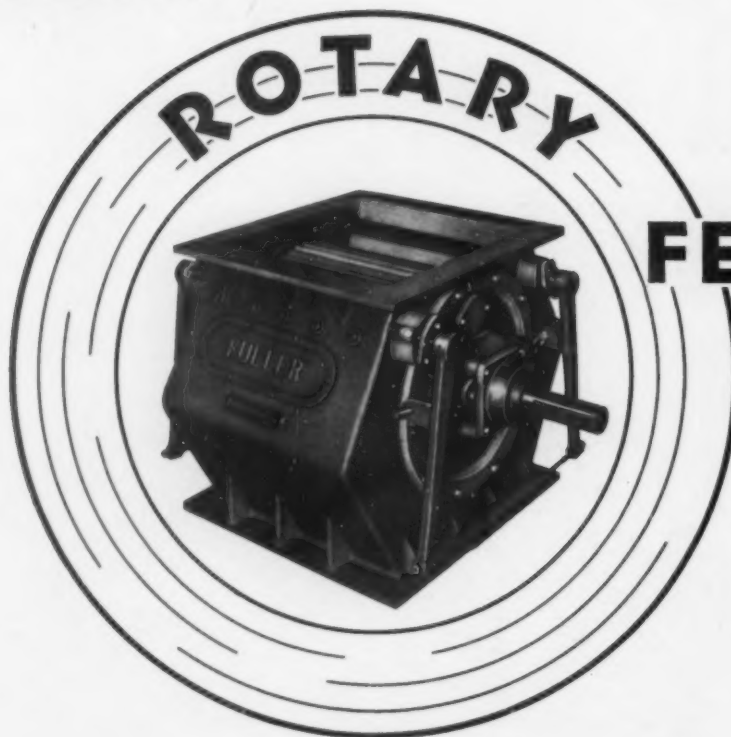


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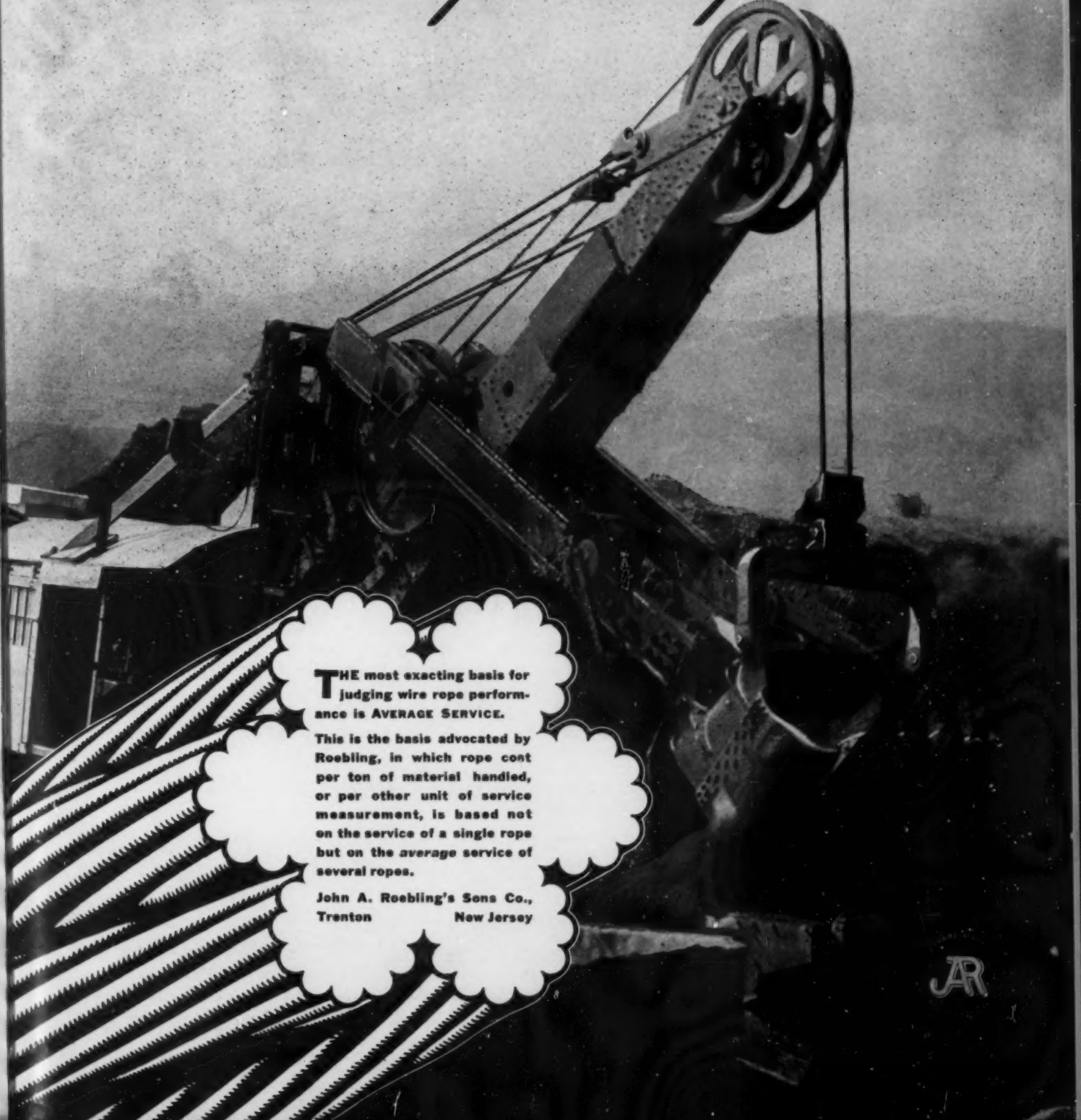
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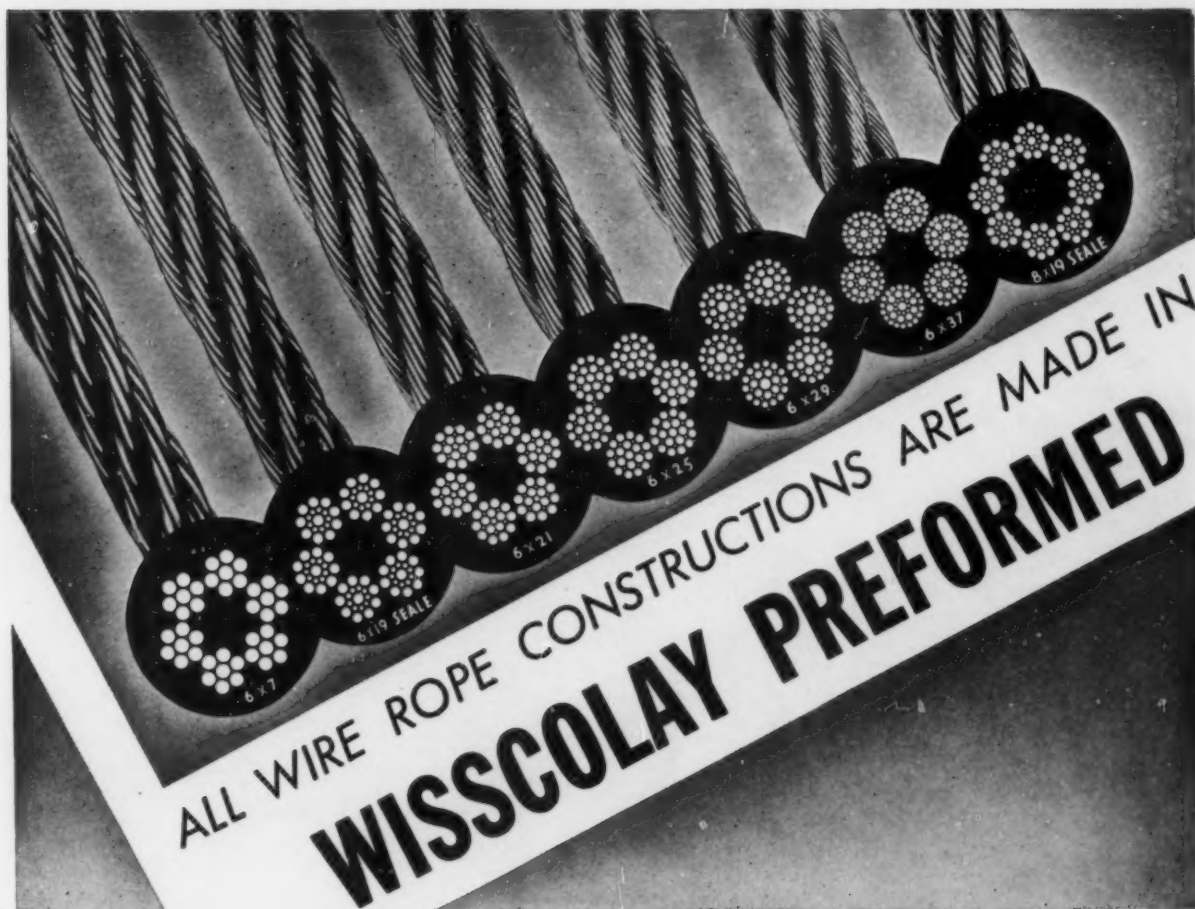
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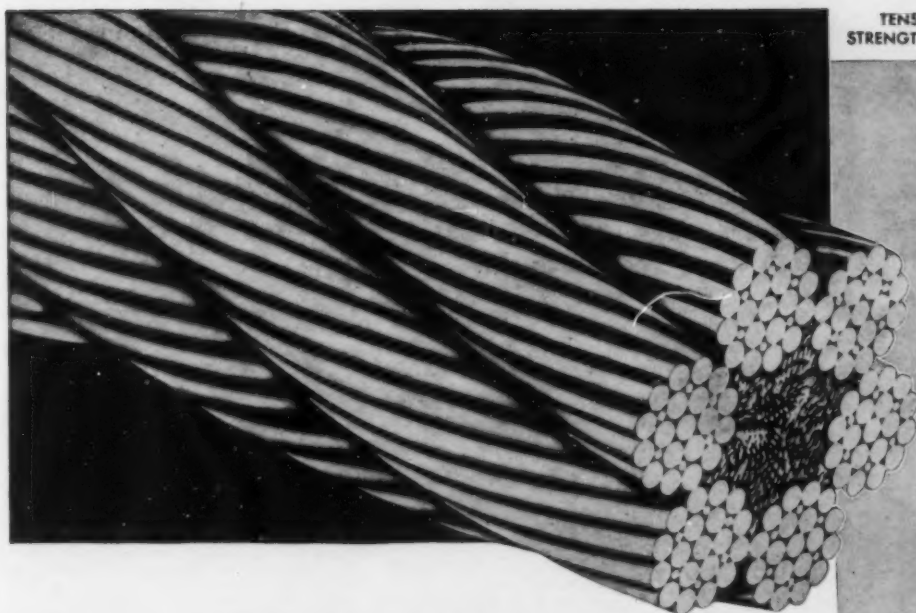
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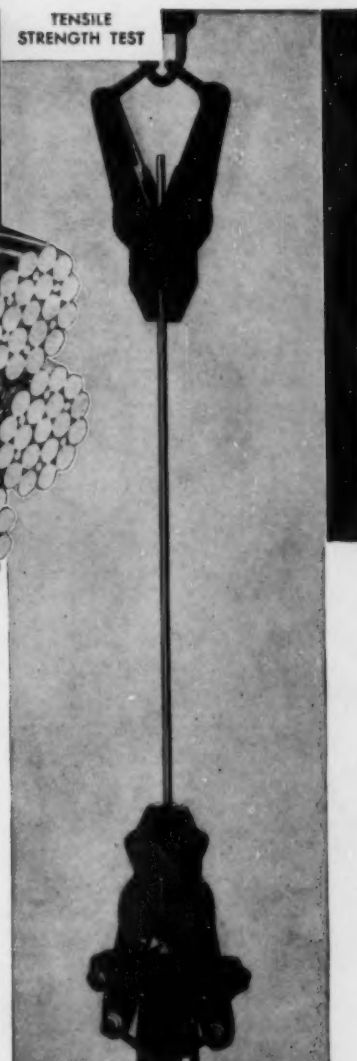
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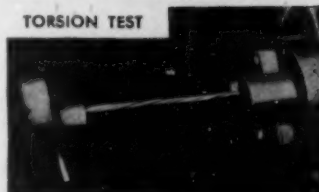
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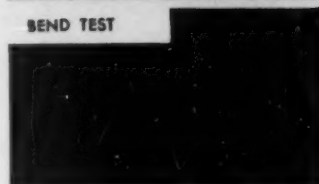
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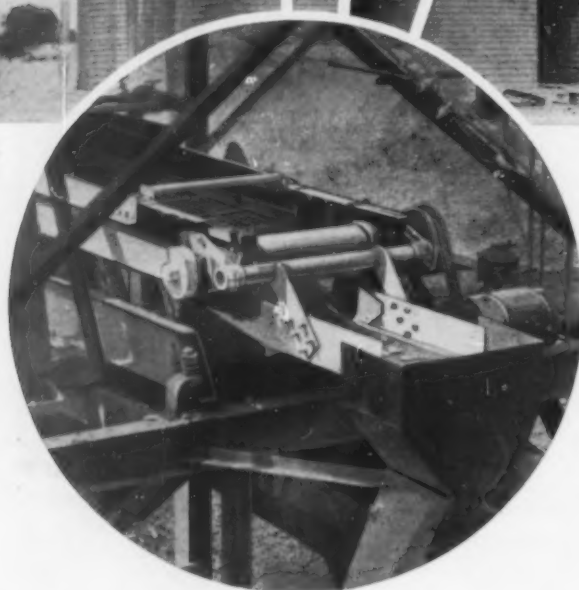
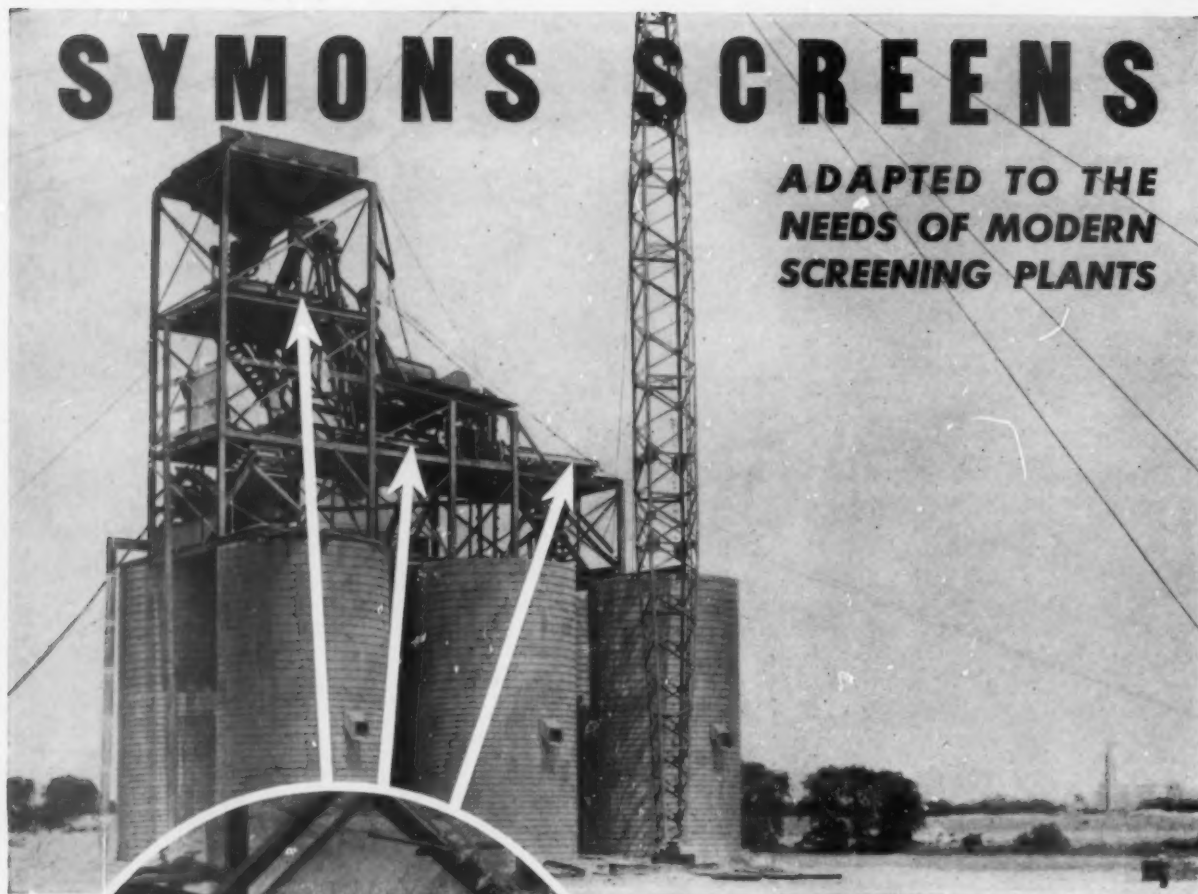


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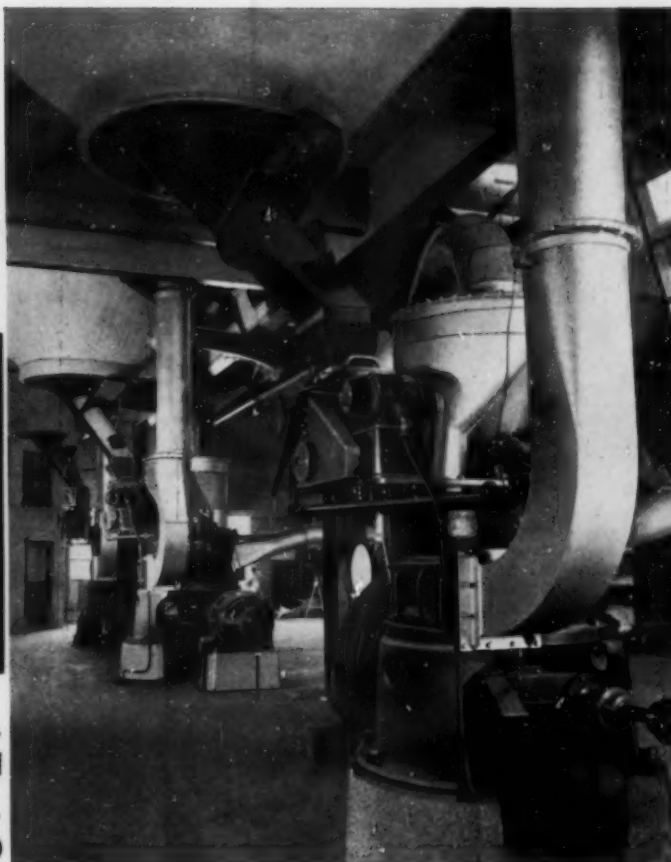
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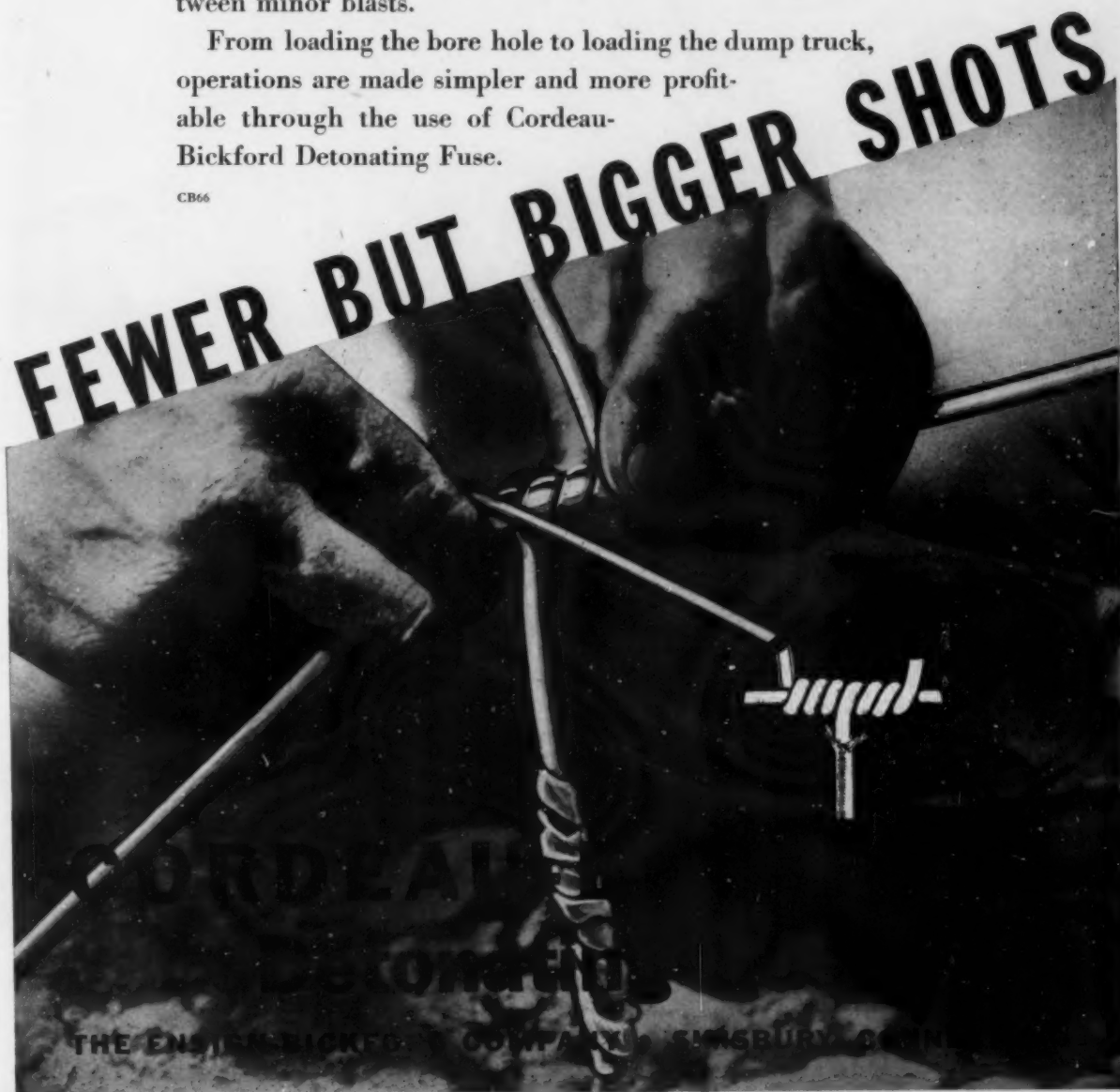
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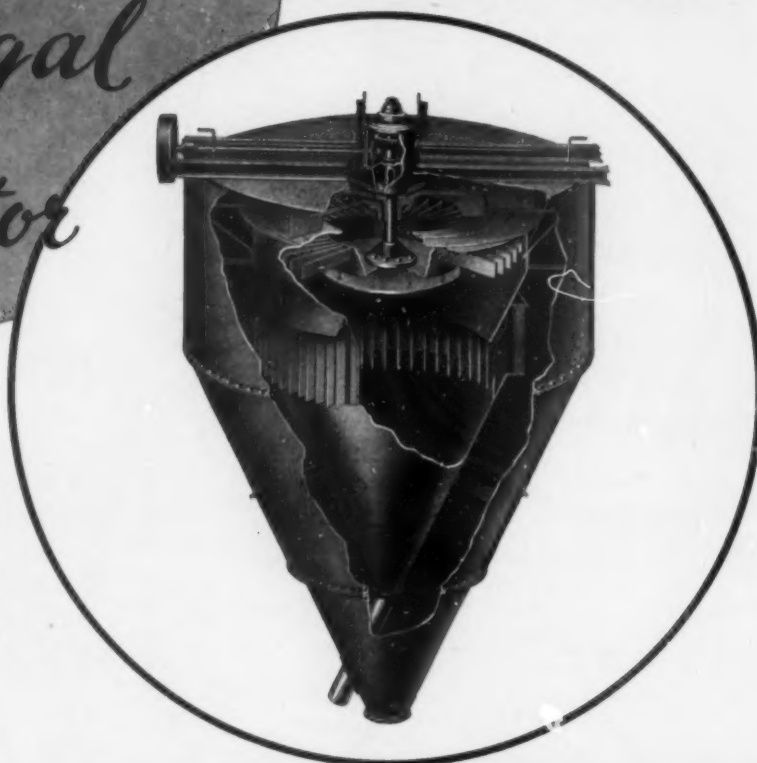
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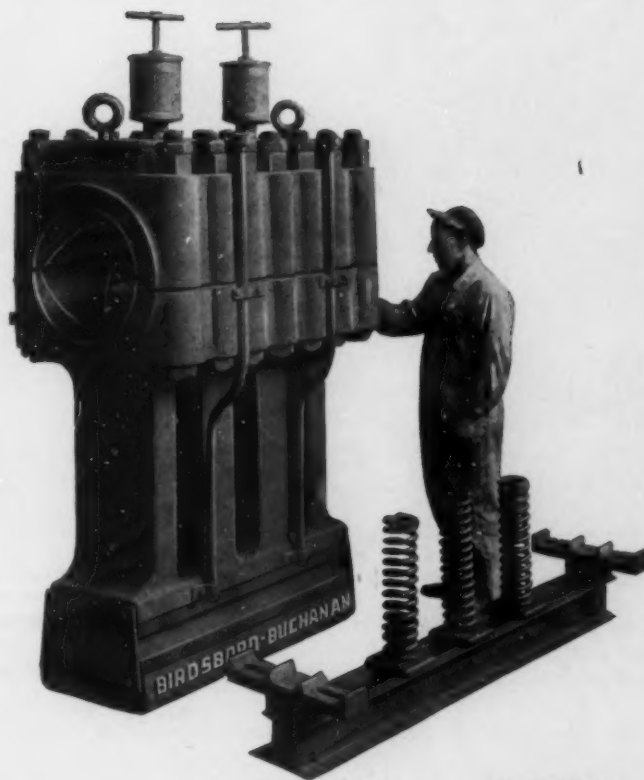
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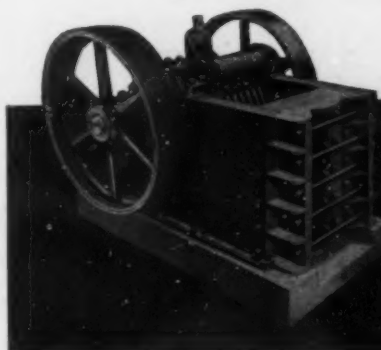
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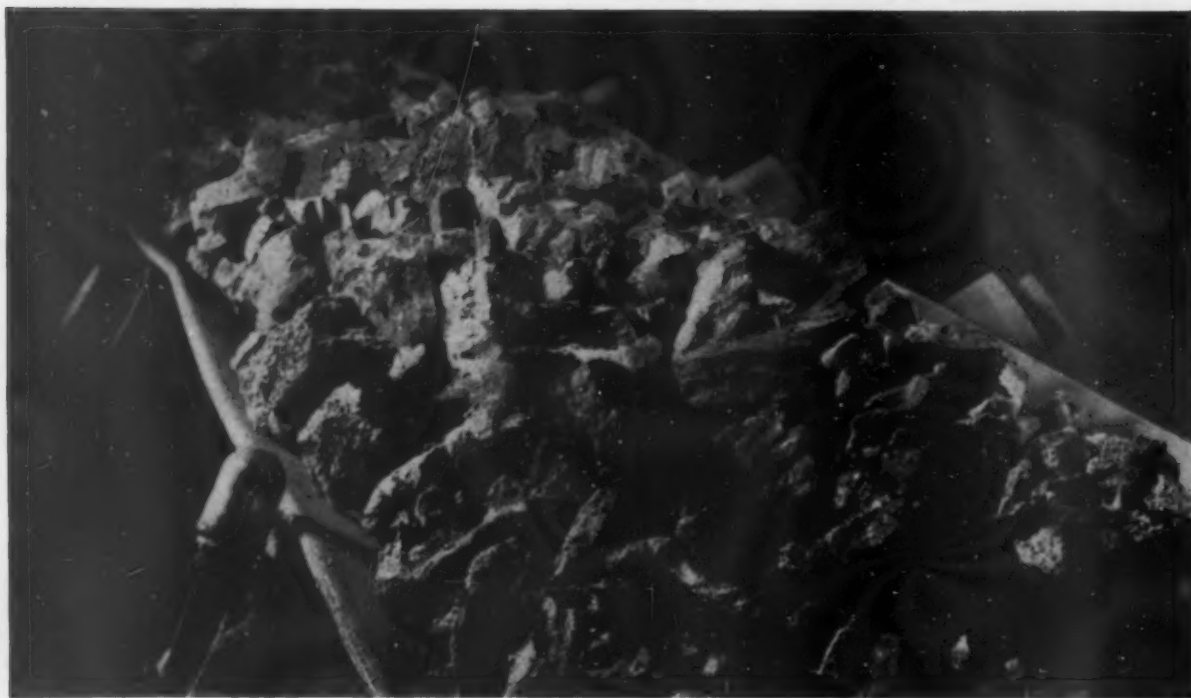
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# Rock Products

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No. 11

## Collecting and Interpreting the News

**F**AR REMOVED from his editorial sanctum where his files of "suggestive" material are kept, the editor of necessity must devote his comment to items and suggestions gained on an extensive trip East. We hope the readers will benefit by the change.

We have heard the present administration at Washington and its executive damned in such a variety of unprintable language that we will not attempt to interpret industry reaction to recent developments, including the call to reassemble Congress to pass more reform legislation. It's hardly necessary.

*Philadelphia Inquirer* of October 24, that "we possess today every ingredient making for prosperity, except one,

Only too obvious is B. C. Forbes' contention in the a vital one, namely, faith in the Federal government, faith in its policies affecting business, faith in its ability or will to put public finance on a sound basis, faith that a square deal will be meted out to labor and employers alike."

Yet we think that altogether too much attention is focused on Washington, D. C., and the play acting that is going on there. We haven't found any one who really believes the United States of America is going to hell, although there are many who believe that is the only suitable place for those now running things at Washington. We don't need faith in the Federal Government. There have been lots of other periods in history when it was lacking. We do need to make practical application of our faith in the United States and its citizens.

### Optimism a Habit

It is a pleasure, therefore, to glance through the New York City newspapers of October 24, and note their bulging automobile show supplements with the usual line of hokum about the new season's cars and the prospects of a bigger and better year for 1938. Automobile manufacturers, at least in their public statements, are confirmed optimists. Maybe this is one reason why the industry always leads the return of prosperity.

This optimism is the more noteworthy this year in New York because the city is in the depths of gloom over the recent rapid drop in security prices. There are doubtless many reasons why prices have dropped, but no one has suggested a substantial one, for at the time of its beginning the earnings of corporations promised to be at least equal to those of last year. There is little doubt that the psychological effect of falling stock prices is to reduce corporation earnings because it gives corporation direc-

tors cold feet and they hold up contemplated construction and rehabilitation of many plants; and sooner or later every one feels the effect of this.

Most of all, the temporary loss of 20 billion dollars' paper value of securities is going to reduce the income of the Federal government itself in 1938, because many big taxpayers will be able to show losses far greater than income. The cheerful side of the picture is that the little fellow is showing his faith in the United States by slowly but steadily absorbing the securities being dumped by his rich neighbors. This odd-lot buying is said to have furnished the only cushion to falling prices; and these little fellows have absorbed 6,000,000 shares in the last few months. The little fellow may not always be a sucker; and we admire his faith, which richly deserves to be rewarded.

### Faith in the People

We can think of no more constructive suggestion to American industry than to exhibit a little of the kind of faith that the common people have in it, and be less concerned with the lack of faith in politicians. It's well to remember a recent bit of truth spoken by Elihu Root, Jr., in an address to the students of Hamilton College: "In private life," said he, "men succeed because they are competent, and fail because they are not. In public life, they may get by as fakes and windbags. In the world of fame-hunting foghorn blowers, the pleasure derived from notoriety and publicity seems to be in inverse proportion to the size of the recipient."

Local business men can do much to show up present political hokum. Particularly are the common people as well as business men becoming tax conscious. Already well organized opposition has been successful in preventing diversion of highway taxes to other uses in several states by constitutional amendments. In 1937 such amendments were proposed and considered in 13 states, and in four states these amendments will soon be voted upon by the people.

It is largely a problem of getting the true picture before the people. We believe that if every employer would post a list of the taxes his products have to carry, including if possible the extra cost of equipment and supplies represented by taxes on those commodities, his employees would be able to obtain a much better appreciation of where their company's income was going, and why more of it was not coming to them, than they can get from any other source.

Employers can no longer apply *the heat* to the Federal government, but they can apply it back home where it will do the most good. Only the people themselves can effectively remind Mr. Roosevelt of his own words made in the 1932 campaign speech that "all taxes are paid in the sweat of the wage earner's brow." Surely some of those chickens can be made to come home to roost!

### **At Last, the Prosperity Formula!**

While we are on the subject of the President's words of wisdom, we hope no one missed this gem from his recent "fireside talk": Said he, "a few more dollars a week in wages, better distribution of jobs with a shorter working day, will almost overnight make millions of our lowest-paid workers actual buyers of billions of dollars of industrial farm products. That increased volume of sales ought to lessen the other costs of production so much that even a considerable increase in labor costs can be absorbed without imposing higher prices on the consumer."

We wonder if he really believes that, or whether he merely likes the sound of those phrases! Where are those millions of so-called underpaid? For the most part they are not engaged in production; practically none in large scale production industries. In those industries, when they are operating, the workers have already gained high wages. Those lower-paid workers are largely in the many hundreds of thousands of little businesses scattered over the country, the country stores, the garages and service stations, the little hotels and restaurants; yes, even the small crushed stone and gravel plants. These little businesses exist *only* because they render a small service, or make a small volume of salable commodities, for a small community at a small price and a very small profit. Their labor costs, because of the necessarily small volume of business done, are relatively higher than their big volume competitors outside their local territories.

Increasing the wages of employees of such small business enterprises could not possibly increase their employers' volume of sales materially. Those sales are and always will be limited to local necessities. It might conceivably increase the sales of such luxuries as radios and motor cars, but this would represent but a small volume of all local sales of all commodities.

To make the example more specific, what would happen to the small sand and gravel producer with an average annual volume of sales of say \$50,000 to \$100,000, or 100,000 tons production? If he is compelled to pay the same wages as his big volume competitor 200 miles away, with this big competitor producing 150 tons per man per day, say, against his 25 tons per man per day, it is obvious that the difference in labor cost alone would permit his big competitor to readily absorb the difference in transportation cost, because the additional 100,000 tons would add very little to the big competitor's cost—as a matter of fact, it would undoubtedly reduce the cost on all his output. Apply that example to those hundreds of thousands of little businesses throughout the country and you have a picture of what will happen if wages and hours—and eventually prices—are fixed by government decree.

It may be, as many big business men possibly believe, that these little fellows are a menace to their own profits and to industry and to an economically sound society, but

their abolition "overnight" by the Federal government somehow does not seem consistent with some of Mr. Roosevelt's other remarks that such business men are the backbone of the country. At least those little business men and their employees, who are about to be "liquidated," should be able to express their own ideas about it. As a rule they seem quite contented with their lot in life.

Well, you see, in spite of our introductory paragraph we could not withhold some comment on affairs at Washington, D. C., any more than one of you readers can avoid the subject in the most casual conversation. We only hope our suggestion that the heat be applied at home instead of in Washington falls on a few receptive minds.

### **New Products, New Uses, New Methods**

Charles F. Kettering, vice-president in charge of research, General Motors Corporation, in connection with the usual publicity about the New York automobile show, says: "Research is one thing to which there is no end. It is a trail leading upward, like a mountain road in the wilderness. The higher we climb, the more unexplored territory we can see in front of us," etc. That infers that all research is progress. We wonder.

Research is resulting in some fearful and wonderful specifications for cement. It is getting so that all users of large quantities of cement as well as the Federal government are applying their own conclusions as to the meaning of much confused research in writing specifications that no cement manufacturer knows the why for! It seems to us that each new research merely convinces us that cement is getting punker and punker. What's happened to the men who made cement for the Panama Canal locks and dams, and what's happened to cement since that was made? We have never heard that the concrete made with this cement was so terrible. In fact our impression is that it is far superior to the concrete in many recent dams and structures.

We may be learning more about the constitution of portland cement, but quite evidently it is not resulting in better concrete. We have learned how to make a more costly product, but not evidently a more useful one. By present standards, much of it being over 40 microns in size, the cement used in the Panama Canal structures was not cement at all! But, by golly, there she is! and some more recent jobs are not much to shout about. Maybe a little reverse research would not be so bad; maybe we'd better search for a cement to make *concrete permanent* instead of one that will harden the fastest.

The concrete pavement that will last 40 years instead of 20 years is a whole lot more economical than the concrete pavement that hardens the fastest. We can't see why we need all this haste in building something designed to last as long as ourselves. It is as inexcusable as dashing around in a car at the risk of our lives to save five minutes. What are you going to do with the five minutes saved!

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A new use has been found for glass and rock wool. It is laid on the ground as a blanket or mulch to protect tender plants through a northern winter. It keeps out cold and lets in the sunshine. A new market for a rapidly growing industry.



# IN THE HEADLINES

## Cement Plants Operating On a Five-day Week

THE ALLENTOWN PORTLAND CEMENT CO., Allentown, Penn., is doing what most cement manufacturers would have said a few years ago could not be done. It is operating on a 40-hour week with a complete shut down Saturday and Sunday. Other plants have closed down over Sunday, but not for two days. At the Allentown plant, the kilns are allowed to run empty before shutting off the flame, that is, the feed is shut off first and the kiln operated until it is empty. Early Monday morning the fires are again built and the kilns started. So far the kilns have not suffered from loss of linings nor of coatings on the linings, and this practice has been in effect since Labor Day. Ordinarily, it has been assumed that a kiln has to be operated continuously, because it is too expensive to shut it down and fire it up again. Evidently labor demands of time and a half or double time for Saturdays and Sundays are changing industry and old practices.

## Wagner-Steagall Bill To Boom Building

CEMENT AND AGGREGATE PRODUCERS are expected to benefit substantially from the \$2,000,000,000 in federal and local funds which are to be expended under authority of the Wagner-Steagall housing bill passed at the last session of Congress. Of this amount, about \$800,000,000 will be spent for building materials. It has been estimated that in the period between passage of the bill and July 1, 1938, about \$45,000,000 will be spent for materials, but thereafter at least \$88,000,000 annually will be spent in the next two years.

Federal contributions will be financed from the sale of bonds of the United States Housing Authority which will mature within 60 years or less and bear interest of not more than four percent. The money will be used to make loans or capital grants to local housing authorities. To secure local interest and cooperation in the eradication of slums and erection of low cost housing to replace old buildings, local housing authorities would be required to provide at least 10 percent of the cost of land acquisition and construction. The local government having jurisdiction over the project would be required to put up 20 percent of the annual rental subsidy in the form of cash, tax remissions or tax exemptions. Loans could be made to local authorities not exceeding 90 per-

cent of the cost of the project. To prevent construction of "luxury" apartments, a maximum room cost of \$1,000 and apartment cost of \$4,000 was written into the bill. In cities of 500,000 or over, the limit could go to \$1,250 per room and \$5,000 per dwelling unit.

## Fight Unfair Prison Limestone Competition

MIDWEST AGRICULTURAL LIMESTONE INSTITUTE recently called upon Mr. A. L. Bowen, Director of Public Welfare, State of Illinois, protesting the delivery of penitentiary-produced stone to private users on township commissioners' orders. To get around the State law, a trucker would get an order from the township commissioner for stone for delivery to some project covered by the law, and then take loads on this order to private purchasers. As a result of these protests, the Department of Public Welfare has issued an order establishing new prices on agricultural limestone produced at the Joliet and the Menard branches of the Illinois State Penitentiary. In carload lots, the limestone will be sold at 90 cents a ton; in wagon lots at \$1.00 a ton. Before the issuance of this order, truckers had been selling agricultural limestone for 70 cents a ton.

## Kansas Rules on Sand Sales Tax

KANSAS STATE TAX COMMISSION has ruled that although the contract for the sale of sand may be made outside of the State, if the sand is a Kansas product and is sold for delivery in Kansas for use in the State, it is not interstate commerce and the transaction is subject to the sales tax. An example of a transaction of this kind is where the sand may be sold from the Kaw river for sale to a Kansas railroad for use in Kansas, but the purchase was made by the Chicago headquarters.

## Lime Outlook Promising

IN SPITE OF DISTURBING BUSINESS CONDITIONS, believed to be of a temporary character, the outlook for the lime industry is promising. The National Lime Association reports that the lime industry has completed one of its most successful agricultural lime seasons for many years, and 1938 is expected to result in even larger sales for this purpose. In the construction market, contracts for the first seven months of 1937

have risen 18.5 percent over the same period in 1938. Rising construction costs undoubtedly have affected the volume of new construction, but offsetting this factor is an accumulating housing shortage. The outlook for chemical lime sales seems equally healthy, particularly for water treatment plans and sewage disposal works.

## Opens Drive Against Accidents

PLANS ARE UNDER WAY by the Portland Cement Association to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of organized safety work in cement mills throughout the country. The program of the Silver Anniversary Safety Committee will be followed up by 2,600 safety supervisors in individual plants supported by 6,000 cement mill employees with service records of 25 years or more. These veterans are leaders in what is known as the Safety Minute Men of the industry.

Col. H. A. Reninger, Allentown, Penn., general chairman of the Silver Anniversary committee, stated in his announcement that in 1911, just before the safety movement started, 15 percent of the men employed in the cement mills were involved in accidents of some kind, while last year less than 1½ percent of the men in the industry had lost-time accidents.

## Increased Freight Rates On Cement, Lime, Gypsum

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION granted class 1, railroads on October 22, freight rate increases designed to return about \$47,500,000 additional revenue. The industrial minerals producers will help foot the bill to the tune of an additional cent per 100 lbs. on such commodities as cement, lime, plaster, mortar, and gypsum. Although this does not appear to be such a large amount, increases in freight rates on other commodities, such as coal and steel products, will tend to increase the costs of rock products manufacturers and thereby add to the burden imposed by the direct increase in freight rates. Bituminous coal and coke rate increases range from three cents to 15 cents per net ton in the western district, west of Chicago, and from three cents to 10 cents per net ton in other districts. These new freight rates will take effect 30 days after the issuance of the order by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

It has been estimated that the total amount of the increase for lime, cement and plaster will amount to \$3,156,281. Considerable criticism has been raised against the railroads for increasing rates on commodities in the hauling of which they face a minimum of competition.

## Demand for Various Stone Sizes Necessitates Ingenious Screening and Crushing Plant

By FREDERICK D. WITMER, JR.  
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**P**RESENT DAY SPECIFICATIONS call for stone sizes within close limits making it necessary for the operator who desires to produce stone for various purposes to add modern equipment and exercise his ingenuity to the fullest to provide an operation with the necessary flexibility.

Out of the demand for a multiplicity of stone products and for finer sizings have been developed plants with ingenious screen arrangements. One of these is the stone plant of the Ohio Hydrate and Supply Co., Woodville, Ohio. This plant has been practically rebuilt, progressively, since its erection in 1925; its capacity has been doubled since 1930, and any sized grade of stone, either washed or unwashed, can be readily produced.

Increased capacity of the Ohio Hydrate and Supply plant was necessary due to the demands for various sizes of stone, and the fact that the plant was originally designed to produce the kiln requirements in a 10-hr. day with commercial stone as a by-product, but with the change to the 8-hr. day, higher production of kiln stone per hour was required.

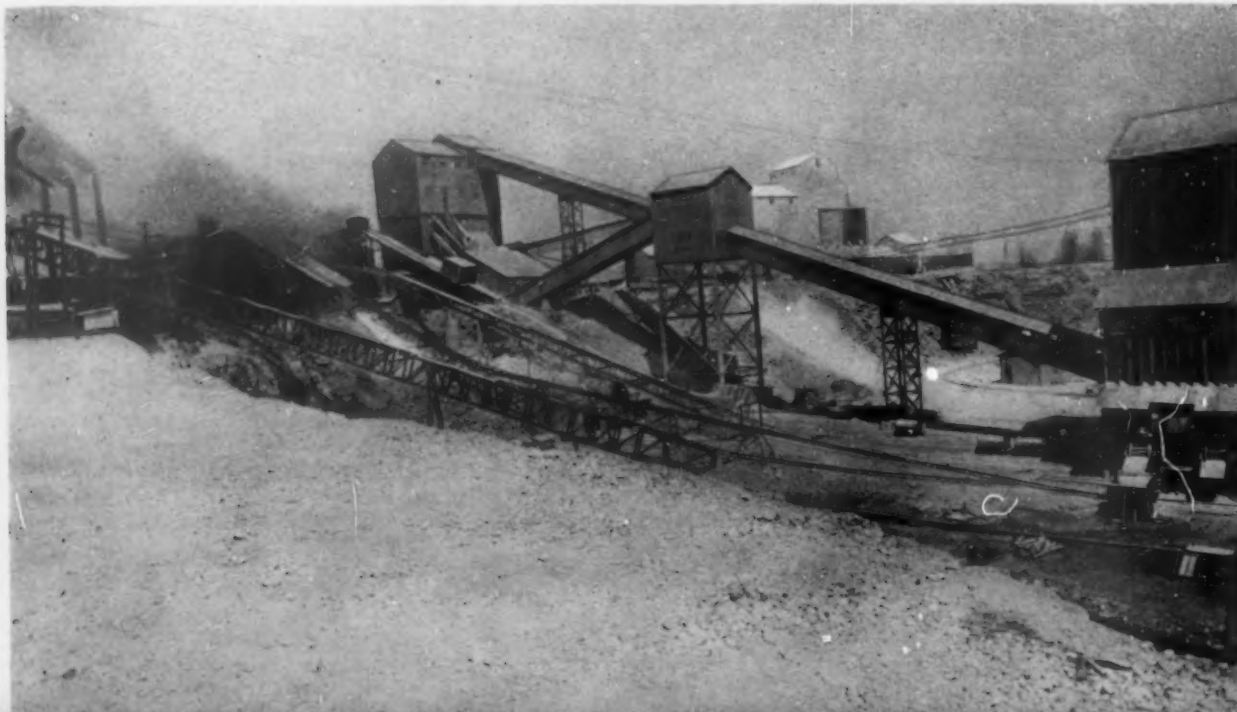
Stone products now made are kiln stone, flux stone, railroad ballast, commercial stone, agricultural limestone, dried agricultural limestone, dried glass sand, asphalt filter and whiting. A number of screens and handling equipment have all been compactly installed in the original stone plant building which was designed to accommodate two revolving screens.

A 50- to 70-ft. quarry face is being worked, and a new level 30- to 40-ft. below the present quarry floor is being started. Broken rock is loaded by a 5-yd. Marion Panama type electric shovel and 1½-yd. full revolving Marion. Rock is hauled over industrial, standard gauge track in Easton 8-yd. capacity Phoenix cars to the 60-x84-in. primary Traylor jaw crusher on the quarry floor fed with a 6-ft.x11-ft. Traylor cast steel apron feeder. From the crusher, the rock is elevated by bucket elevator and passed over a roll grizzly for removal of kiln stone.

### *Efficient Screening*

Kiln stone (5- to 9-in.) is drawn from its bins into smaller steel cars and hauled by hoist over the kilns, which

*Kiln stone is taken out of screening plant at the right and hoisted on tracks over three banks of vertical kilns. Other stone is moved by the long conveyor to the improved screening plant on the left*





Shovel loading settled fines from settling basin into trucks. Screening and crushing plants in the background

are arranged in three banks and filled from three industrial tracks. All minus 5-in. stone is carried from the bins below the roll grizzly to the recently improved screening plant above the quarry over a 30-in. Robins belt conveyor on 372-ft. centers.

At the top of the plant, the conveyor discharges to a feed box above a triple-deck Tyler-Niagara 5-x10-ft. scalping screen, with 3½-, 2½- and ¾-in. openings from top to bottom. Oversize (3½- to 5-in.) is chuted from the screen to a 150-ton bin below, which, when full, automatically is chuted to an Austin No. 7 gyratory crusher below. The crusher discharge is carried over a 24-in. belt conveyor to join the 30-in. belt

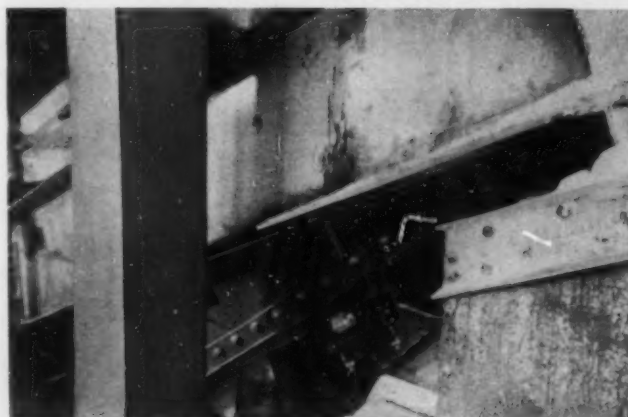
conveyor from the quarry, and is passed over the scalping screen with the fresh stone. The top size is flux stone.

The 2½- to 3½-in. stone (ballast) retained on the second deck is chuted to another 150-ton bin below, or to the gyratory crusher or to a No. 4 Symons cone crusher, crushing to ¾-in. and under. When the Symons cone crusher is operating at capacity, the surplus is routed to the Austin crusher.

The ¾- to 2½-in. stone (commercial stone) is either chuted to the Symons crusher, and returned to the scalping screen by the long belt conveyor, which carries a circulating load of about 100 tons per hour, or is sent to a 3-x6-ft.

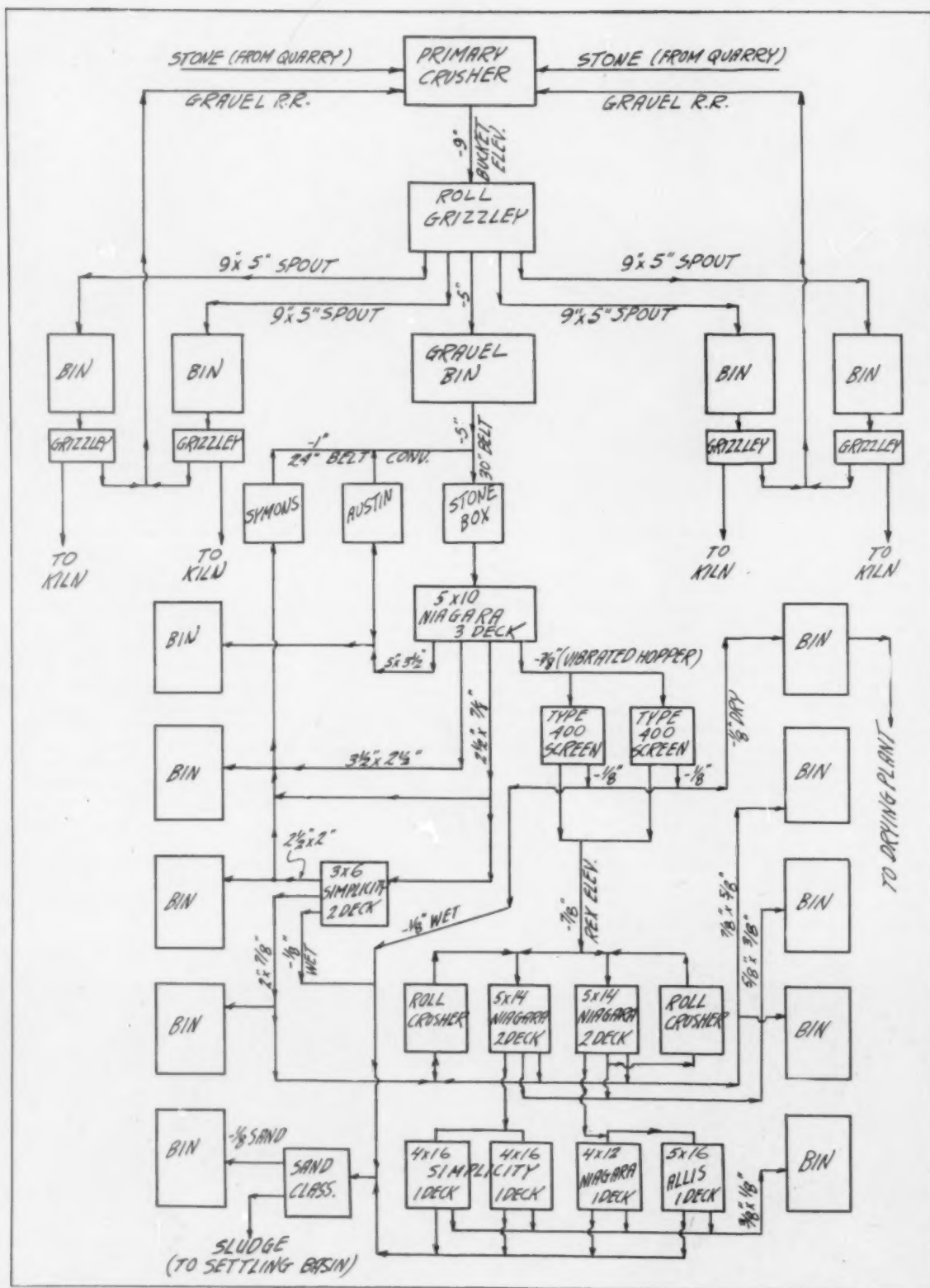
double-deck Simplicity screen where either wet or dry separations are made.

The 2- to 2½-in. stone rejections on the 2-in. top deck may pass to a bin, to the Symons cone crusher or to a 24-x30-in. Greenville double-roll crusher. This crusher is set for ¾-in. and under, for smaller sizes of stone, and discharges to the boot of a totally-enclosed 50-ft. Chain-Belt bucket elevator to sizing screens in the wet washing half of the screening plant. Similarly, the 2- to ¾-in. stone may be handled to either the Symons or to the Greenville crusher. The ¾-in. minus stone is flumed to the Wood sand classifier, followed by a twin dewaterer to take out the sand.



AT LEFT: View of hopper below three-deck scalping screen. There are two vibrators on long sloping bottom of hopper to facilitate throughs to pass below. Hopper is mounted in rubber. AT RIGHT: Elevator on right and belt conveyor above, splitting stone over two screens



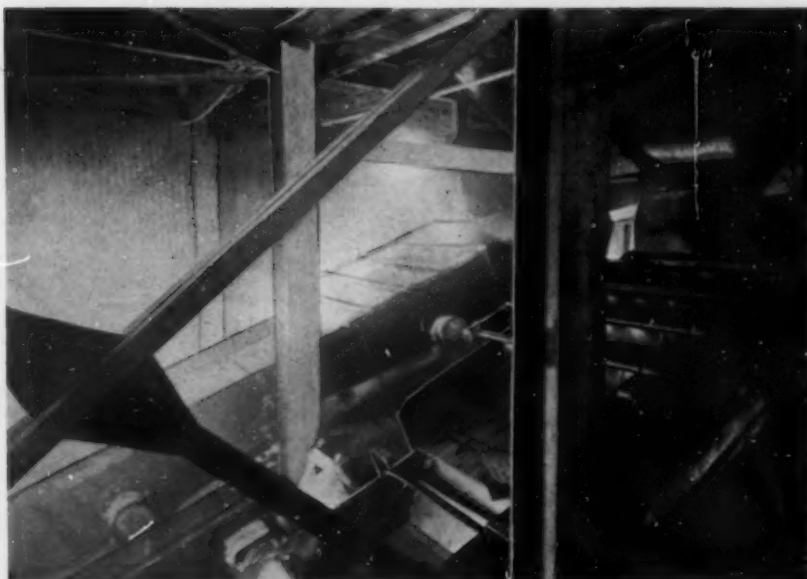


### Vibrator Prevents Clogging

The throughs (minus  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. stone) from the 5-x10-ft. scalping screen are split and passed through a double split hopper to two Tyler "400" single-deck vibrating screens with  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. "Tyrod" screen cloth. This is the one place in the plant where there is danger in clogging the flow of material; the chute pitches throughout the plant being calculated to handle the various sizes of stone.

When the quarry is wet, the fines are inclined to stick. Two V-73 Syntroon vibrators have been installed on the under side of each long sloping hopper bottom, the location being calculated for installation just off the center of gravity to create vibrations to every corner of the hopper. The entire hopper vibrates, being mounted on eight Goodrich rubber vibro-insulators. These live mountings augment, rather than dampen, the amplitude of vibration in a plane perpendicular to the sloping hopper bottom, to reach all corners of the hopper, tending to give a movement to each particle similar to that of a ball rolling down a stairway.

The minus  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. stone (dry) goes to a 150-ton bin from which it may be carried by belt conveyor either to the drying plant or for shipping. The  $\frac{1}{8}$ -to  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. stone is elevated by the bucket elevator, 50-ft. centers, to the top of the plant for wet sizing from hereon. If wished,  $\frac{3}{8}$ -,  $\frac{1}{2}$ - and  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. stone can be dry-screened here but all smaller sizes are wet-screened. The bucket elevator has a carrying capacity of 300 tons per hour. The elevator discharges to a 30-in. Chain Belt conveyor on 16-ft. centers, discharging to a hopper. Here the load is split to either of two 5-x14-ft. Tyler-Niagara screens. Any part or all of the stone may be passed over either of these screens. Top deck screen openings are  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in., and the lower are  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in.



Wet screening small stone sizes on four large screens. The  $\frac{3}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. stone goes to bins, and the  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. minus is flumed to the sand machines

The  $\frac{3}{8}$ -x $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. size from one screen goes to the Greenville crusher, and from the other goes to a Pioneer 18-x30-in. double roll crusher, the product from both crushers passing to the boot of the elevator. This size can go directly to bins if desired. The rock passes to the crushers through baffled chutes. The  $\frac{3}{8}$ - $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. size goes to bins or the roll crushers, or may be mixed with the  $\frac{3}{8}$ -to  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. stone and go to bins.

Roll crushers provide an economical means of crushing stone and are coming into more frequent use by stone plants, but as mentioned above, two crusher sizes are required to secure the stone sizes desired due to the limitations imposed by the pinch angle of crusher rolls.

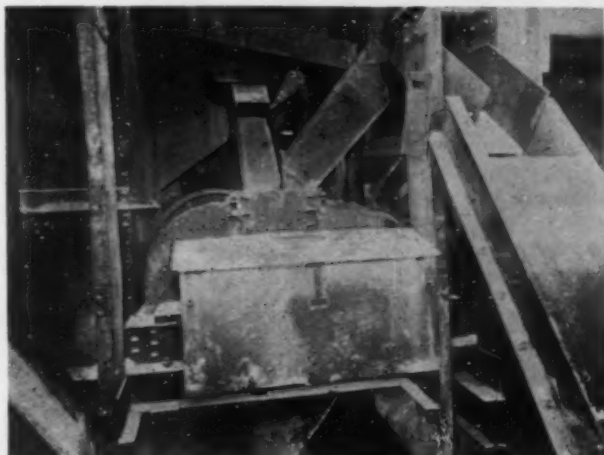
The  $\frac{3}{8}$ -to  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. size, with some sand in it, goes to four screens, so arranged

that any of the four screens may be run with either one or both of the Niagara screens. All have  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. cloth. There are two 4-x16-ft. Simplicity screens, one 4-x12-ft. Niagara screen, and an Allis-Chalmers 5-x14-ft. low-head vibrating screen. The  $\frac{3}{8}$ -to  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. stone goes to bins, the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. minus being flumed to the sand machines. Overflow from these machines goes to two consecutive settling basins, where silt is settled out and recovered. The clarified water is re-used.

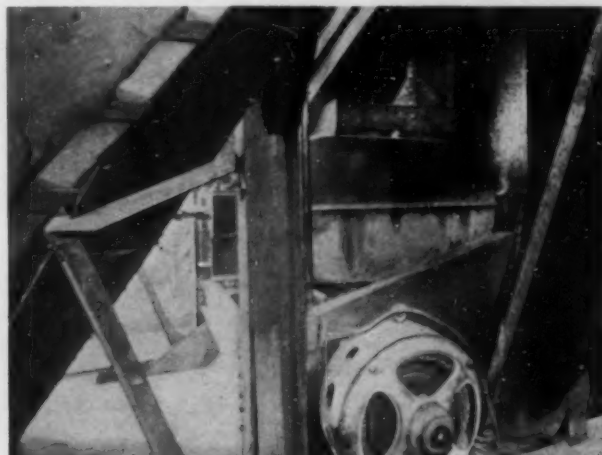
The plant has a capacity of 200 tons of sized crushed stone per hour and has ten storage bins, totalling 1400 tons. Shipping is done either by truck or rail.

### Other Improvements Planned

Other divisions of the plant apart from the stone plant are also under-



Roll crusher (24-x30-in.) for reduction of  $\frac{3}{8}$ -x $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. stone. The number of chutes indicate flexibility of sizing plant



Second (18-x30-in.) roll crusher. The product from both crushers passes to the boot of the elevator on right



Thirty-ton gasoline locomotive used for switching and hauling railroad cars in the plant yard

going improvements. The tonnage of ground lime for the glass trade has been doubled by the installation of additional elevating and screening equipment. With these improvements, the screening capacity can now handle the grinding capacity of 12 tons an hour.

A new 30-ton Plymouth gasoline locomotive has been placed into operation for switching and hauling of railroad cars in the plant yard. A small Marion  $\frac{3}{4}$ -yd. high speed shovel has been added for loading from stockpile and general

utility work around the plant. The capacity of the Shaefer hydrator has been increased from 10 to 13 tons an hour by installation of an Eberhart super mixer for mixing the lime thoroughly before it enters the hydrator, and to recover heat from the hydrator to pre-heat the mixing water. The capacity for dried stone has been trebled by installation of an 84-in. by 35-ft. Bartlett-Snow counter-current, direct-heat dryer fired by stoker, coal-handling equipment and bunkers.

## Monolithic Concrete House with Welded Steel Frame

**I**N THE ILLUSTRATIONS are shown construction views of a new type of monolithic concrete house which is of interest to the producer of cement, aggregates, and other industrial minerals for the increasing market which these new structures offer to the industry.

This is said to be the first reinforced

hollow concrete house, built without the use of forms and supported by a welded steel frame much like a skyscraper's skeleton. It is now being completed in Long Beach, a suburb of Michigan City, Ind. The house is of Spanish design with the walls having the appearance of plastic concrete over masonry.

Although the house shown in the illustration had the concrete applied by hand, the use of "gunite" equipment for the application of the concrete by air pressure would cut the cost appreciably and produce a superior result.

Supporting steel columns of the new house are 4-in. H sections, weighing only 10 lb. per linear foot, and the beams are 6-in., 8-in., 10-in., and 12-in. wide flange sections, weighing from 8½ to 19 lb. per foot. The entire steel frame weighs only six tons, although the house is 60 ft. long and 40 ft. wide. Steel sections were shop fabricated and electrically welded together as erected. The outer walls have a wide lattice-like frame of  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. steel channels, such as used by lathers as supports for metal lathing. The vertical channels or studs are 16 in. apart, with alternate channels doubled for additional strength. The lower ends are attached to the concrete foundation and the upper ends wired to the roof girders. Horizontal channels, spaced 36 in. apart, add stiffness to walls. This lattice of light steel channels is covered with expanded flatmetal lath, cut from galvanized sheets of steel.

Three coats of Portland cement stucco were applied to the outside of the house, and the inner surface of the metal lath was heavily "back plastered" with cement stucco, imbedding the steel channels and metal lath in a concrete slab 2 in. thick and heavily ribbed at each of the channels. The steel columns and the wall girders also are encased in metal lath and concrete.

The floor and the flat roof are supported by 10-in. open-truss steel joints, covered with ribbed metal lath. The floor slab is 2½ in. of concrete, and the finished surface will be parquet flooring laid in a mastic. The roof slab is 3 in. thick, and is made with cement and vermiculite (40 percent mica) aggregate to provide lightness and insulating value. Insulation is applied to the "back plastering" and to the roof slab.



First house of concrete construction, using a welded steel frame reinforcement. View shows building with scratch coat applied



Steel frame and metal lath in place ready to receive concrete stucco, three coats outside and one "back plastered" coat



# Experiments and Results with New Drilling and Blasting Practices

By NELSON SEVERINGHAUS\*

**A**BOUT EIGHT YEARS AGO the Rock Chapel plant of Consolidated Quarries Corp., located three miles northeast of Lithonia, Ga., was opened for the production of crushed stone aggregate. Drilling and blasting practice here has undergone a number of experiments and changes since the start.

The rock worked is a bare dome of granite-gneiss about 3000 ft. in diameter and rising 150 ft. above the surrounding ground. It is very uniform in composition and quality, without seams, and extends downward to unknown depth below the quarry floor. A water well drilled 600 ft. remained in the same rock. The principal difficulty encountered in blasting is an easy split which tends to break the rock down in large blocks.

## Primary Drilling Practice

First work was with tripod mounted air hammers drilling 20-ft. vertical holes spaced about 8 ft. x 10 ft. All rock was removed by this method until the face reached about 60 ft. high. At this height, breaking was done in three 20 by 20 ft. benches, each bench having two rows of holes spaced 8 ft. apart. These were loaded with 60 percent quarry gelatin dynamite, and exploded with instantaneous No. 6 electric blasting caps. Some toe holes were used to help the bottom bench maintain a level floor. Four Ingersoll-Rand X-71 tripod mounted drifters on this work produced an average of 135 tons of rock per hour. About six Jackhammer drills were kept busy on secondary drilling for breaking up blocks on the floor.

Because of the hazards of such work, the high cost of clearing off benches for drilling, and the relatively small amount of rock that could be broken down at one time, a traction mounted, electrically powered blast hole drill for 6-in. holes was then put to work on top of the 60-ft. face. This drill averages about 2.5 ft. of hole or 100 tons of rock drilled per hour, including moving and

bit changing time. As the crushing plant is now taking about 200 tons per hour of operating time on a single shift basis, the drill is run two shifts to keep drilling ahead. Two men on each shift



Nelson Severinghaus

operate the drill and hand sharpen the 6-in. chisel bits with a coke forge for heating. A 6-in. ring of Jackhammer holes about 2 ft. deep is drilled before starting each hole to aid in collaring. A series of elevation bench marks is occasionally established back from the rim and drillers use a hand level to determine hole depth from these.

Holes are drilled 5 ft. below the quarry floor so that shovels can maintain a level floor on broken stone. As soon as a hole is drilled, it is covered with a slab of rock sealed around the edges with concrete and the depth marked on the concrete. This effectively excludes loose material from washing in and filling up part of the hole. When loading time comes, such caps are readily knocked off. An air

displacement cylinder with bottom check valve is lowered into each hole to remove water just before loading. This device clears out the water much faster and with less labor than previously required with a hand bailer.

The spacing, burden and depth of each hole are checked before loading and the tons which will be moved by each figured. This, divided by a loading factor decided upon, gives the amount of dynamite to be placed in each.

## Primary Blasting Practice

Placing of holes for the first shot in June, 1930, followed the usual practice for this height face with average spacing of 17 ft. and burden of 21 ft. The 24 holes of the first shot were loaded with 4000 lb. of 75 percent quarry gelatin in the bottoms and 7100 lb. of 60 percent quarry gelatin above. A considerable amount of screenings stemming was used to maintain the four tons to a pound ratio decided upon and yet raise part of the load up toward the top of holes. Detonation was by Cordeau fuse in each hole, connected to a Cordeau trunk line on top, with an electric cap on one end. Fragmentation was poor, and an excessive amount (about twice that previously required for tripod drilled rock) of secondary blasting was necessary to prepare the stone for shovels. This indicated a reduction of burden and spacing. As the next shot was already largely drilled, spacing was left the same but the burden was reduced by taking off a slab with tripod drills so that it averaged but 15 ft. The loading basis was changed from four to 3.5 tons of rock to the pound of dynamite. The dynamite used was about one-half 75 percent and one-half 60 percent quarry gelatins. Results were much better than those of the first shot and breakage was comparable with that of tripod drill shooting.

On the next several shots, we attempted to get good breakage by using a lower loading factor of about 3.3 tons per pound with 18 ft. spacing and 20 ft. burden to keep from running drilling

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costs per ton too high. This gave solid column loading with no stemming, and was about the maximum load which could be used without throwing rock beyond the quarry floor. In shot No. 4, semi-gelatin ammonia dynamite was substituted for 60 percent quarry gelatin with some saving in cost and no appreciable change in effect. Fragmentation remained none too satisfactory.

With the idea that a higher velocity explosive might aid fragmentation, shot

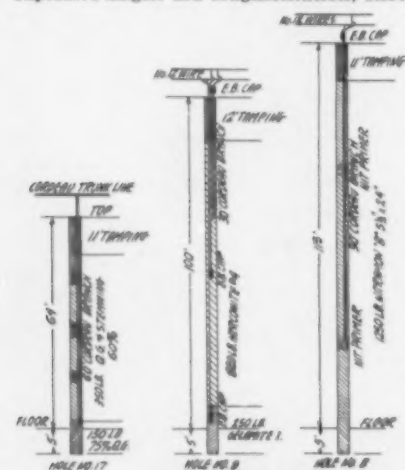


Fig. 1: Chart of typical holes in shots Nos. 1, 27, and 38, illustrates methods used to initiate detonation

No. 5 was made largely with 60 percent straight nitroglycerine dynamite. Breakage appeared to be some improved.

Experiments with the next three shots indicated that a wider spacing of 24 ft. and lowered burden of 17 ft. gave good fragmentation even when using less costly and less dangerous semi-

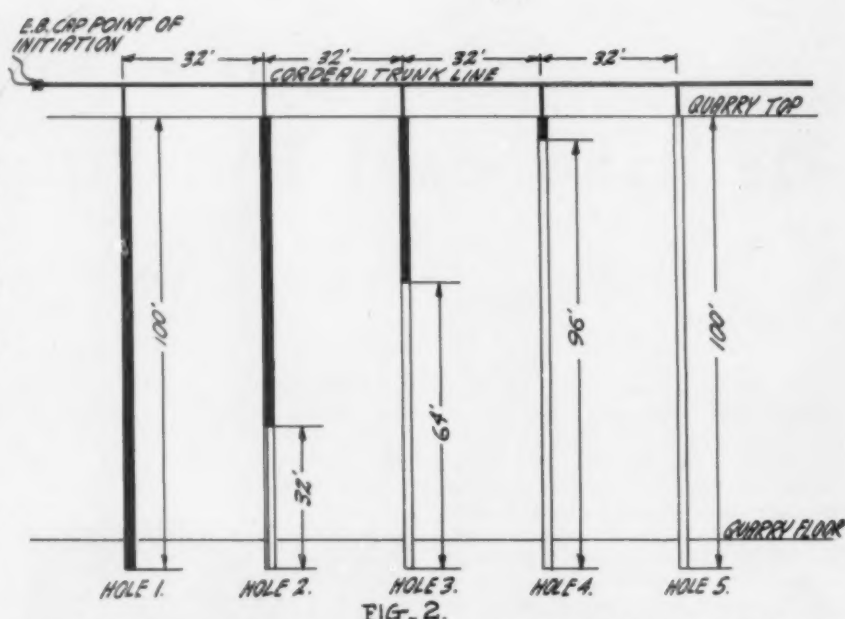


Fig. 2: Chart represents conditions of a Cordeau trunk line connected shot at the time detonation wave has reached the bottom of the first hole. Darkened hole areas represent depths already detonated

gelatin and ammonia dynamites of slower speed. For some time, spacing was kept at this figure and increasing percentages of bulky ammonia dynamite used until the loading ran about one-fourth of 60 percent semi-gelatin and three-fourths of 45 percent bulk strength ammonia dynamites. Then spacing and burden were again experimented with until we reached the present standard of 32- by 16-ft. Wider spacing than 32 ft. makes it impossible to break all of the toe out clean; decreased spacing gives poorer fragmen-

tation. Further decrease in burden does not seem to help breakage while increase hinders it.

On shot No. 17 we tried detonating the charge by an instantaneous electric blasting cap placed near the bottom of each hole instead of by Cordeau trunk line as previously used. This gave better breakage and distribution of rock on the quarry floor than any previous shot.

Failure of five holes in shot No. 19 which was connected the same way taught us to use ample size, well insulated wire. Use of long leg wire (125 foot No. 18 duplex enamel wire) caps improved convenience and safety. On the next shot we did away with the Cordeau trunk line which had been used along with caps as a safety measure. Tests on the ground indicated that the fifth hole would cut the Cordeau trunk line before its wave of detonation had reached this point and thus it could not be counted on to carry out the shot in case of cap failure further on.

The next step in detonating methods was the use of two, and then three electric blasting caps in hole. This further improved breakage. "Pot Holes" of highly fractured rock about half way between cap locations, appeared regularly in the face after such shots and indicated an increased effect of explosives at points where detonation waves met.

#### Present Explosive Methods

This method of shot initiation was followed until the advent of Nitramon, the new safety agent for quarry blast-

Fig. 3—SHOT NO. 1—Consolidated Quarries Corp., Rock Chapel Plant, June 11, 1930

Hole	Depth	Space	Burden		Tons	Tons	Total	75%	80%	Tamping
			Top	Bottom		4	Expl.	Q.G.	Q.G.	
1	56	19	10	16	1030	257	250	100	150	10
2	58	18	10	28	1820	455	450	200	250	11
3	61	19	20	27	2010	503	500	200	300	10
4	63	18	20	26	1990	498	500	250	250	13
5	62	18	21	24	1980	490	500	200	300	12
6	63	18	20	26	1980	495	500	200	300	11
7	64	18	20	26	2040	510	500	250	250	12
8	65	18	20	24	1980	495	500	150	350	12
9	66	18	20	24	2020	505	500	200	300	11
10	66	18	19	22	1840	460	450	100	350	11
11	69	19	20	25	2170	543	550	150	400	10
12	65	16	21	26	1850	463	475	200	275	13
13	69	16	23	26	2040	510	500	200	300	12
14	69	16	23	25	1940	485	500	150	350	11
15	65	16	22	26	1840	460	450	200	250	12
16	69	16	23	25	1990	498	500	200	300	12
17	69	16	22	25	1980	495	500	150	350	11
18	69	16	22	24	1970	493	500	150	350	11
19	67	16	22	24	1860	465	475	100	375	10
20	66	16	22	24	1880	470	475	150	325	11
21	65	16	22	24	1670	418	425	150	275	11
22	66	16	22	24	1730	433	450	200	250	10
23	65	13	22	24	1810	453	450	150	300	10
24	65	Cut-off	14	16	1125	281	200	—	200	10
390			44525		11100		4000	7100		

Note: All holes 8 in. Diameter. Type Stone—Granite. Weight Stone—164 Lb. Cu. Ft. All holes drilled 5 ft. below quarry floor. Tonnage shown only available stone or that which would be recovered. Loading basis: 4.0 tons to pound of dynamite. Percentage of strengths used: 75 percent Q.G.—36 percent, 60 percent Q.G.—64 percent.

Results: 1. Poor fragmentation. 2. Toe pulled clean. 3. No damage done. 4. Clean Quarry face, very little back break.

Next Shot: Use 50 percent of 75 percent Q.G. Reduce burden. Increase loading basis to 3.8.

Fig. 4—SHOT NO. 27—Consolidated Quarries Corp., Rock Chapel Plant, January 10, 1936

Hole	Depth	Space	Burden	Tons	Tons 3.5	Total Expl.	Gel	Herc	Cars	Tamping
1	92	29	14	3060	875	870	270	600	85	48
2	97	29	16	3700	1060	850	280	570	95	45
3	100	29	16	3800	1090	900	250	650	90	49
4	105	30	15	3880	1110	1080	250	830	100	55
5	107	32	15	4220	1200	1050	250	800	100	50
6	107	32	16	4480	1280	1120	250	870	100	58
7	107	32	12	3360	960	720	250	470	100	..
8	105	33	15	4270	1220	1070	250	820	95	55
9	100	33	13	3520	1000	1000	250	750	90	58
10	112	31	15	4270	1220	1160	250	910	95	54
11	112	32	15	4400	1260	1000	150	910	99	54
12	112	32	15	4400	1260	1070	...	1070	103	57
13	110	32	15	4330	1240	1050	...	1050	95	50
14	112	31	16	4550	1300	1000	...	1000	97	54
15	112	30	14	3800	1100	1050	...	1050	98	51
Tot.	1590	467	222	60100	17175	15050	2700	12350		
Avg.	106	31	14.7	4006	1145	1003				

Notes: Net recoverable tonnage 57,000. All caps in parallel on No. 12 W.P. Wire. Cordeau in each hole but no trunk line.  
Results: Good breakage and distribution. Toe pulled out clean. No damage done. Top left in good shape—little back break.

ing with deep well drill holes. To fully utilize the safety features of this agent, it was necessary to eliminate the use of caps in holes. The fact that Cordeau is faster than Nitramon and will not initiate detonation of Nitramon without a special primer were suggested by Mr. R. C. Crumbaugh of the duPont Co. as making possible the combination of the advantages of multiple initiation points within the hole and the safety of the Cordeau-Nitramon method of shooting. This was tried very successfully in the last two shots. Chart of typical holes in shots Nos. 1, 27 and 38 is shown in Fig. 1 to illustrate the various methods which have been used to initiate detonation. With Nitramon, we are using an instantaneous electric blasting cap on the Cordeau, leading down into each hole, instead of a Cordeau trunk line as I believe the instantaneous initiation of all holes gives better results. Although the time interval from one end of a shot to the other is small with Cordeau (speed about 17,500 ft. per sec.), I believe it is significant in this rock. Fig. 2 illustrates my theory for this difference which results seem to justify. This illustration is drawn to represent conditions of a Cordeau trunk line connected shot at the time the detonation wave has reached the bottom of the first hole. Darkened hole areas represent depths already detonated. As the holes are 32 ft. apart, detonation at this instant will be 32 ft. from the bottom of hole No. 2, 64 ft. from the bottom of hole No. 3, just starting in No. 4 and will not yet have reached No. 5. Thus the effect is that of a wedge being driven in from the upper left hand corner. In a rock as easily split as that of Rock Chapel, this perhaps allows the expenditure of some of the explosive energy in most holes, out in a crack already started, instead of in breakage of solid rock in front of it. Frequent excellent breakage at the end of shots here tends to confirm this theory.

### Typical Loading Charts

Loading charts of Shots Nos. 1, 27 and 38 are given in Figs. 3, 4 and 5 to show details of the major changes in drilling and blasting above described.

For secondary drilling of blocks on the quarry floor, we now run six to eight light weight, hand held air hammers. On about 80 percent of the blocks holes 2 ft. deep or less are needed and they are drilled with 40 lb. hammers, using 1¼-in. cross bits on ¾-in. hollow hexagon steel. The particular drills used for this have been found to drill about 20 percent faster without shank collars, so none are used. Where deeper holes are needed, 1-in. steel and heavier hammers (50 lb.) are used. Starting bits are 1½-in. in diameter with ¾-in. change for each 2 ft. depth.

Most of the dynamite used for this breaking is semi-gelatin packed in 1-in. x 4-in. cartridges. On deeper holes, 1¼-in. x 8-in. of the same grade is used. All holes are primed with 4 ft. iron wire electric blasting caps and tamped with stone screenings. About

30 caps are connected in series with No. 30 annunciator wire and such groups paralleled on the end of No. 18 duplex all-rubber cable. Final connections are made at the end of the working shift and firing is done from a 550-volt power line at a point in a crusher building overlooking the whole quarry. Failures with these methods are extremely rare although as high as 300 blocks have been shot at one time. Time saving and greater safety justify the higher cost of electric caps compared with fuse and cap shooting.

### Conclusions

Conclusions reached from our experience discussed above are:

(1) Although conventional hole spacing is a good guide in starting out with any new quarry, experiments may show an unconventional spacing to give much better results in some rocks. Thirty-two foot spacing and 16-ft. burden gives best results at Rock Chapel.

(2) Spacing is much more important in securing good fragmentation in some quarries than type and grade of explosive used. No explosive has yet given good fragmentation here when burden exceeds spacing.

(3) Instantaneous detonation of all holes gives better breakage than is secured with Cordeau trunk line detonation.

(4) Several separated points of detonation within a hole help fragmentation.

(5) The safety of Cordeau can be combined with instantaneous firing of all holes by using electric blasting caps on top of Cordeau in each hole. This keeps all caps off the job until all loading is completed.

(6) Separated points of detonation within each hole are secured by using Cordeau with the new blasting agent Nitramon and separated primers.

Fig. 5—SHOT No. 37, Consolidated Quarries Corp., Rock Chapel Plant, August 6, 1937

Hole	Depth	Space	Burden	Tons	Calc Cans	Actual Nit B	Load Nit C	Primers	Total	Primers	Stem- ming
1	116	32	16	4870	52	*	*	*	*	*	
2	118	32	15	4640	52	48	2	2	52	45	95
3	118	32	15	4640	53	48	2	2	52	44	88
4	120	32	16	5030	54	48	2	2	52	40	90
5	120	32	15	4720	54	50	2	2	54	38	90
6	120	32	16	5030	54	49	2	2	53	40	90
7	117	32	15	4900	53	48	2	2	52	38	82
8	120	32	15	4720	54	50	2	2	54	38	90
9	117	32	16	4910	53	48	2	2	52	33	87
10	117	32	15	4600	53	47	2	2	51	42	86
11	115	32	15	4530	51	47	2	2	51	31	79
12	110	32	16	4620	49	44	2	2	48	40	84
13	112	32	16	4700	50	41	3	3	47	36	80
14	110	31	17	4750	49	46	2	2	50	44	82
15	100	32	17	4460	45	38	2	2	42	36	80
16	95	32	16	3990	42	37	2	2	41	31	71
Tot.	1825	511	251	75110	819	689	31	31	751		
Avg.	115	32	16	4694							

Notes: Holes No. 1 could not be loaded because of offset from previous shot. At each hole an E.B. Cap was placed on branch line of cordeau using special unions. All caps connected in parallel to No. 12 R.C. wire.

Results: Excellent fragmentation. Toe pulled clean. Little back break. No damage.

Summary: 689 Cans Nitramon B @ 25 lb. .... 17,225 lb. (5¼x24)

31 Cans Nitramon C @ 22.22 lb. .... 690 lb. (5¼x24)

31 Primers @ 22 lb. .... 682 lb. (5x24)

TOTAL ..... 18,597 lb.

Total rock—15 holes 70,240 Tons. Loading factor 3.77 tons to pound.



# Eliminate Complicated System of Coal Handling by **DIRECT-FIRED MILL INSTALLATION**

By J. C. BENNETT

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**W**ITHOUT INTERRUPTION IN CEMENT DELIVERIES and with little curtailment in the burning and grinding of cement clinker, the Hawkeye Portland Cement Co., Des Moines, Iowa, has completed a most modern addition to its firing floor and is now firing kilns with Babcock and Wilcox direct-fired coal mills.

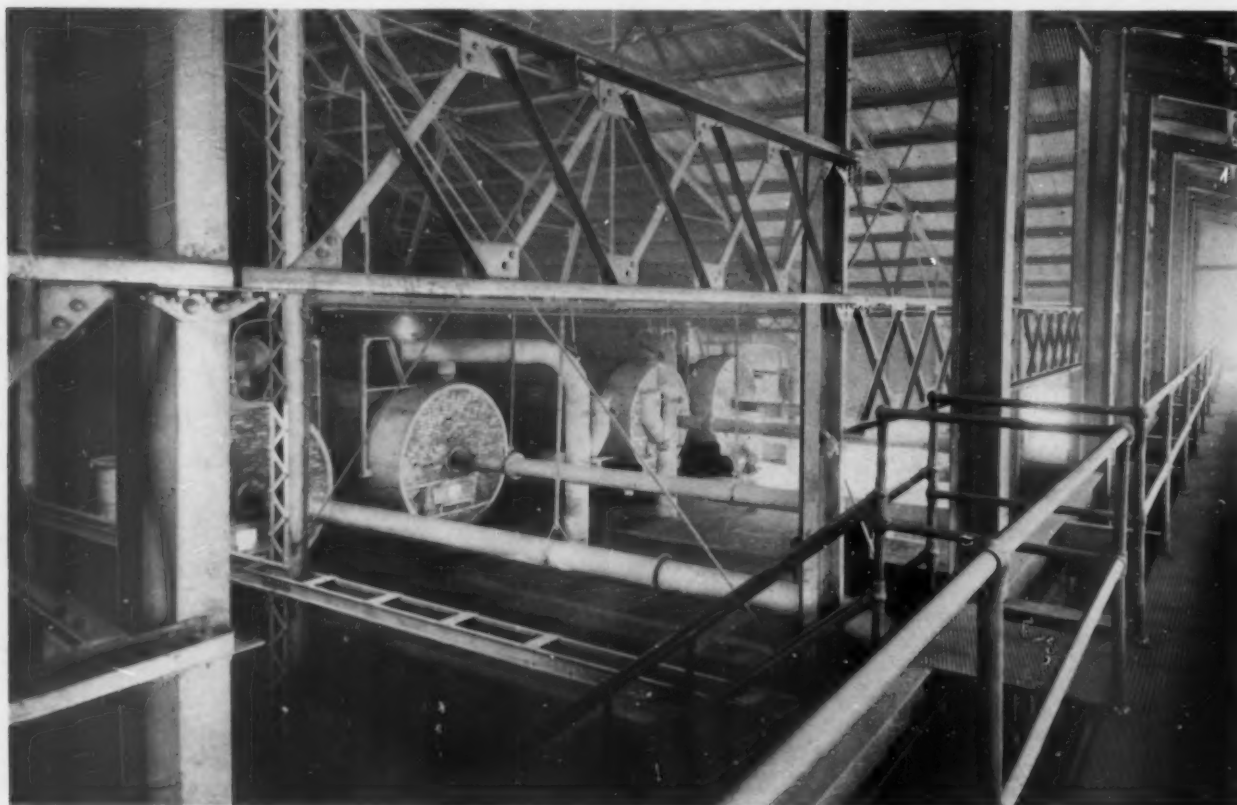
The new installation of coal handling and firing equipment replaces a rather complicated system of feeding the coal into the kilns; it has reduced the connected load in electrical horsepower by 135 hp., and has saved at least 15 percent in the coal as received. The saving

in fuel resulted from the elimination of dryer stacks, vent pipes from grinding equipment, etc.

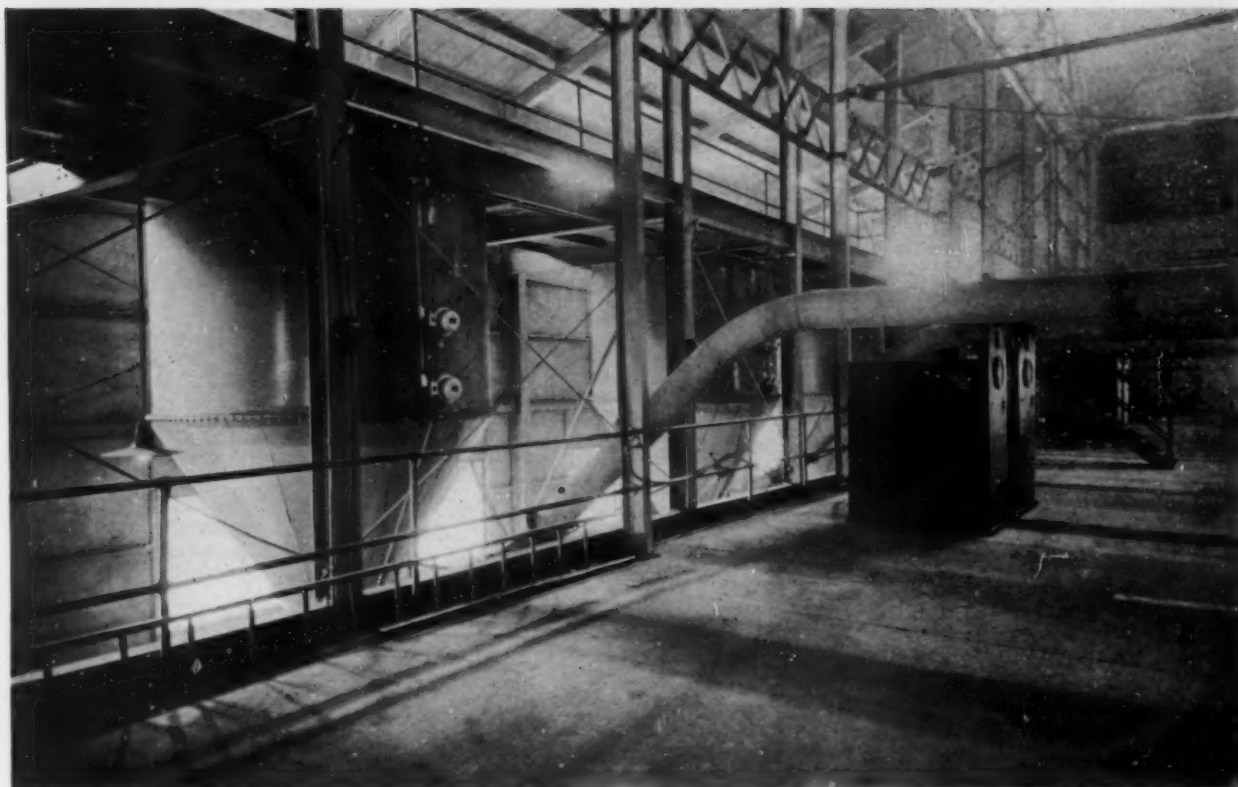
Coal was handled and re-handled so many times before the new installations were introduced, that it was impossible to do a good job of "Housekeeping." Much of the finer product was literally blown away, and spontaneous combustion was always a hazard. Coal from cars or trucks was handled by crane to a single-roll crusher, and carried over a belt conveyor to storage. From storage, a second belt conveyor handled the coal to a hammer mill after which it was

elevated to the dryer tanks. From the dryer tanks, coal was removed by screw conveyors and fed to four dryers by table feeders. After drying, screw conveyors and elevators made the transfer to the mill bins, and then elevators and screw conveyors again were needed to place the coal in the kiln tanks. This system was quite complicated and certainly very inefficient as compared with the new method.

Construction of the kiln building addition started on March 15, 1937, the first coal mills reached the plant on April 29, and full operation with the six new mills began on August 8.



Firing floor of Hawkeye Portland Cement Co. after six new coal mills were installed. Note that ample space is provided on the firing floor, making working conditions as comfortable as possible for the men



Coal mill feed bins with coal level indicators and one of the U-shaped instrument panel boards controlling two kilns. Bins are suspended to conserve floor space on coal mill floor

Generally, a construction program of such magnitude is undertaken by most cement companies during the winter seasonal shutdown period when the stockhouses are filled and the demands for cement are not heavy. At this plant, however, construction was so planned that any of the kilns could be operated up to the time when the last coal mill was being placed.

#### Direct Firing Installation

To carry out this plan, an addition to the kiln building was constructed, and the six Babcock and Wilcox type B No. 132 coal mills (driven by 100-hp. motors) were installed in the new structure on a floor below the firing floor, the mills being placed on both sides of the rotary clinker coolers as each cooler handles clinker from two kilns. These coolers were formerly operated outside the building. While these units were being installed, the old equipment and the coal bins on the kiln floor above remained in place in the event orders would require operation of the kilns. The building housing the coal drying machinery is being demolished.

Coal from cars or trucks is handled to a Jeffrey 30-x30-in. roll crusher. Storage for 1500 tons of coal is provided at the crane. The crushed coal from the roll crusher is carried by a 30-in. belt

conveyor, extended to 339-ft. centers, to a new 20-x26-ft. crushing building followed by a short conveyor, the head pulley of which is a Dings magnetic pulley.

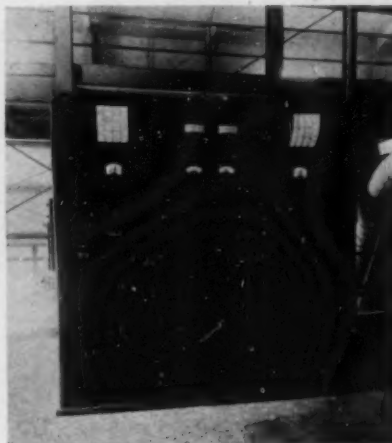
The conveyor discharges to a Tyler 4-x5-ft. single-deck screen with  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. square openings. Plus  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. coal passes to a 12-ton surge bin from which it is fed to a Williams No. 3 hammer mill by a 24-in. pan feeder. The discharge from the mill and the minus  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. coal from the screen are carried to the top of the new coal mill feed bins by a 12-in. screw

conveyor and a bucket elevator, 46-ft. centers. The discharge from the bucket elevator is carried to the six mill feed bins by a 12-in. Link-Belt screw conveyor 193 ft. long. An intermediate steel storage bin of 200-ton capacity is being completed between the crushing plant and the coal mill feed bins for a reserve supply of minus  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. coal ready for the mills. The same bucket elevator, raises this coal to the screw conveyor filling the mill bins.

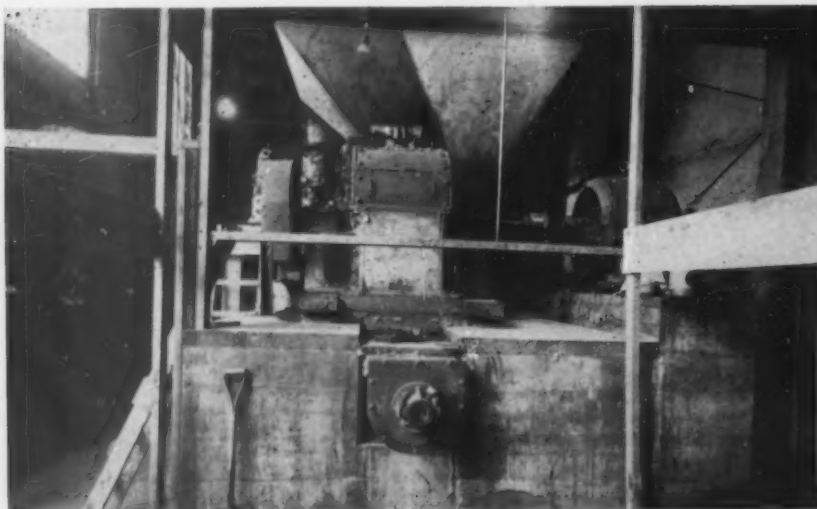
Minus  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. coal is fed to the six new inverted steel conical bins, each feeding a coal pulverizer. The bins are suspended from the I-beams above, and have no supports on the floor below. They were fabricated to order by the Des Moines Steel Co., Des Moines, Iowa.

Each bin is equipped with two Bin-indicators to automatically indicate the coal level in the bins. Each bin contains enough coal for an hour's run of the kiln when the bottom indicating light goes out.

Firing floor layout is such that temperatures are not excessive even during hot weather, and conditions are very "livable" for the working man. The only equipment on the firing floor are the kiln pipe connections and the panel control boards for kiln operation. The distance from the center of each coal mill to the kiln hood is 45 ft.



Front view of U-shaped instrument panel board



Hammer mill for crushing plus  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. coal. A screw conveyor and bucket elevator carries the crushed coal to the mill feed bins

#### **Dry Coal With Air From Kiln Hood**

Air for drying the coal in the mills is taken from the top of each kiln hood and is tempered by cool air for differences in moisture and for the type of coal being burned. The flow of coal from the feed bin to each mill is clocked by a Bailey coal meter above the mills. Various coals are burned, all of which are high in volatile matter and high in

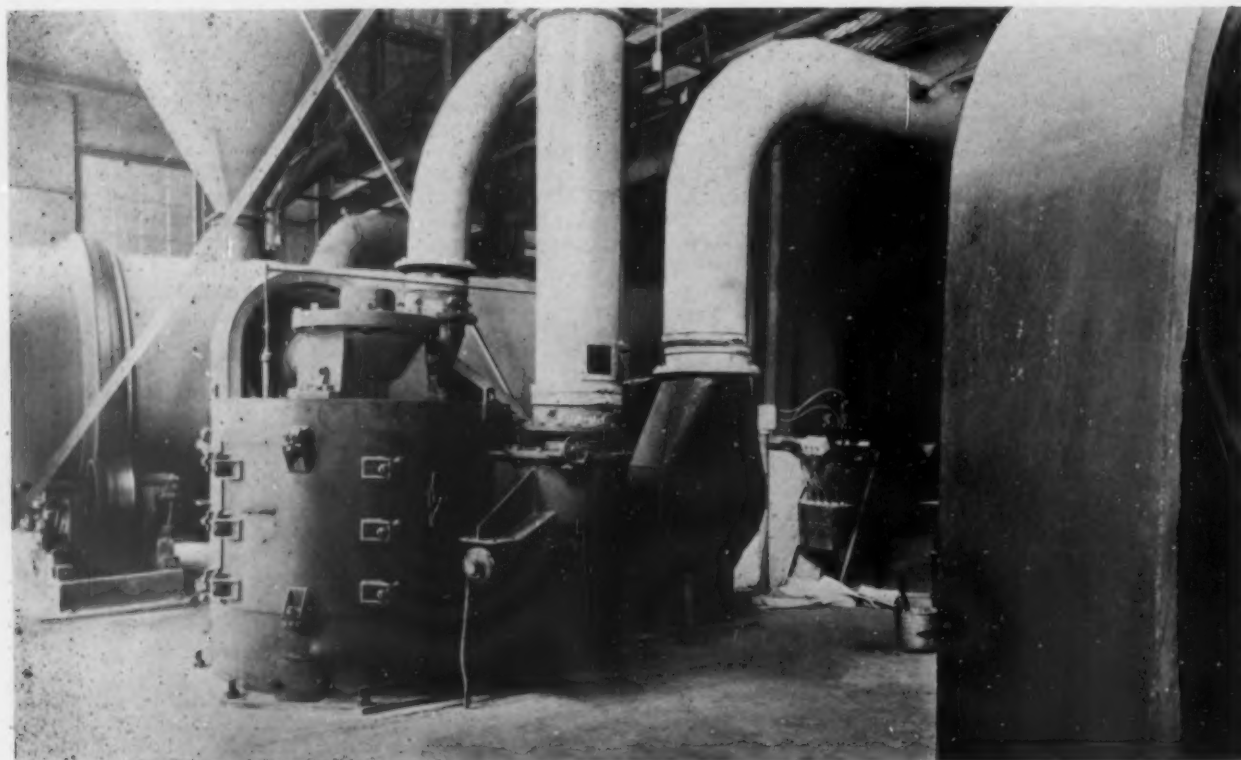
ash content. It is only necessary to pulverize coal to about 80 percent through the 200-mesh sieve. The temperature of the mixture of coal and air is varied between 100 deg. F. and 150 deg. F., dependent on atmospheric conditions and the coal being burned.

Six 8- x 125-ft. kilns are grouped in pairs, and a U-shaped panel board is provided for each group of two kilns. The kiln controls for stopping and start-

ing the kilns and for speed regulation are transposed so that the controls for kiln No. 2 are placed on the side panel of the U-shaped board opposite kiln No. 1 and vice versa. In this way, the operator can see the full length of the kiln as he operates the controls.

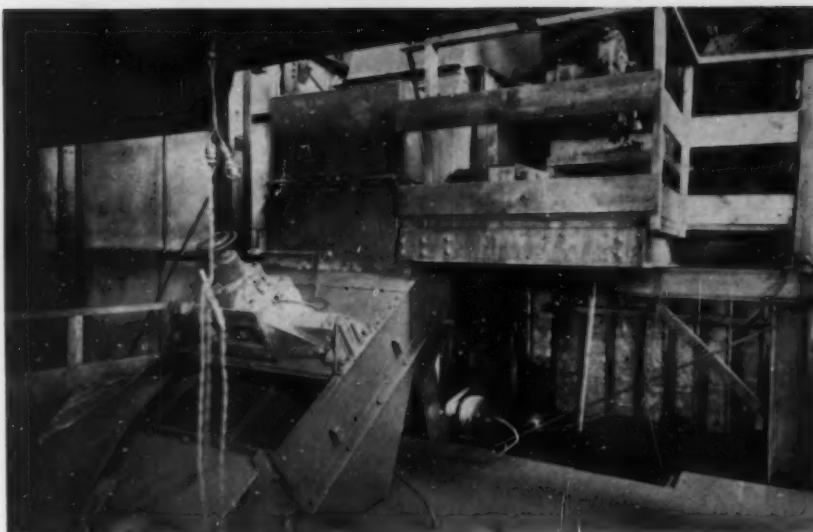
On the front panel are indicators and controls for the coal pulverizing units including: indicators for air temperature entering the fan, for the mixture of air and coal and for differential pressures needed for operation of the coal feeders, and the push starting switches for the pulverizer and the coal feeder. Other instruments on the front panel are the indicating pyrometers, the ammeters for kiln motors and electric revolution counters. Ammeters and push button controls are manufactured by the General Electric Co., the coal feeder switch is manufactured by Cutler-Hammer and all other instruments are made by the Bailey Meter Co.

The plant is a waste heat plant generating its own electric power. In addition to the 135-hp. saved in connected motors with the new installation, there is a saving in electricity, or rather a recovery of electricity, since direct current need not be generated to drive the new equipment. This former method was always an inefficient operation requiring 1070-hp. of alternating current power for conversion to the required 800 hp. of direct current power. Now 665 hp. is



Direct-fired coal mill installed between clinker coolers. Air for drying the coal in the mills is taken from the top of each kiln hood





Single deck screen for sizing the coal for the feed to the mills

needed to drive the coal plant, or an actual saving of 405 hp. is realized. While the new mills have only been in operation a short time, the above power saving has taken place, and a 15 percent coal saving per barrel of cement has been achieved due to the efficiency of the new over the old system of coal handling. Helmuth Krarup is superintendent of the plant.

REPUBLIC PORTLAND CEMENT Co., San Antonio, Texas, has announced that the stockholders have authorized a change in name to Longhorn Portland Cement Co.

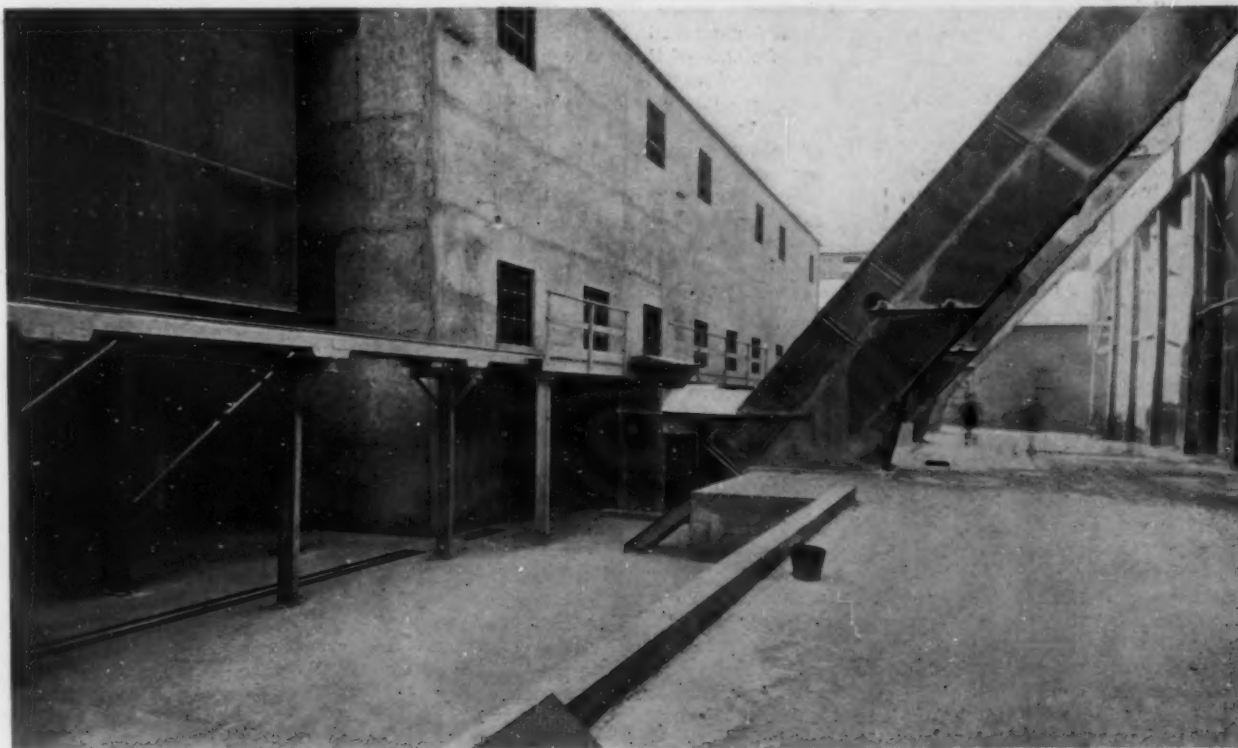
DEWEY PORTLAND CEMENT Co., Buffalo, Iowa, has resumed operations after a short shut-down occasioned by differences between labor groups.

## Court Upholds Florida Levy

VALIDITY OF THE FLORIDA LAW passed at the last session of the legislature, imposing a \$3 per ton inspection fee on imported foreign cement, was upheld by the Florida Supreme Court on October 12. It had been argued that the measure was unconstitutional because it sought to levy a "tariff" on foreign goods, but the court held the fee required to be paid was an inspection fee to meet expense incurred by the State in the enforcement of the inspection law. When the state road department refused to enforce the law, the Florida Portland Cement Co., brought mandamus proceedings to compel operation under its terms. About 30 percent of the cement used in Florida construction is imported.

## Complete Cement Plant Nov. 1

GULF PORTLAND CEMENT Co., announces through President Kent B. Diehl that its new cement plant at Houston, Texas, is scheduled to start operations about November 1. The plant facilities comprise a main mill building, an 8-ft.x220-ft. kiln, a 6-ft.x120-ft. cooler, and four storage silos with a total capacity of 25,000 bbl. Expenditures for the new plant amount to \$300,000.



New addition to the kiln building in which the six direct-fired coal mills were installed. To the left is shown the reserve coal storage bin, and to the right is the elevator to carry clinker to storage

## Mining Engineers Devote More Attention To

# INDUSTRIAL MINERALS

By NATHAN C. ROCKWOOD

It was an honor and privilege to attend on October 15, the dedication of the new United States Bureau of Mines Eastern Experiment Station on the campus of the University of Maryland, College Park, Md. This new station is especially designed and equipped to study and make research into the problems involving industrial minerals—or rock products.

In connection with the dedication, the Industrial Minerals Division of the American Institute of Mining Engineers held a two-day meeting at Washington and College Park, devoted to a discussion of practice and research in the industrial minerals field. Chester A. Fulton, chairman of the division, a Florida pebble phosphate producer, presided.

### Drilling and Blasting

A very interesting and suggestive paper was that by Nelson Severinghaus, superintendent, Consolidated Quarries Corp., Lithonia, Ga., on his drilling and blasting practice, which is given almost in full elsewhere in this issue. The paper was suggestive of results which may be accomplished in any rock products operation by a study of details. Mr. Severinghaus is a graduate mining engineer of Columbia School of Mines, and has regarded his job as a quarry superintendent from a professional angle.

A comparative test of 6-pt. and 4-pt. hammer-drill bits was then described by H. O. DeBeck, consulting geological engineer, Burnsville, N. C. The test was made in drilling feldspar with 2-in. to 1½-in. holes. These tests proved that the 6-pt. bit (or rose bit) drilled 15 ft. per hr. at a cost of \$0.122 per ft. against 12 ft. per hr. and \$0.152 for the 4-ft. bit. The author pointed out that this difference referred only to the particular conditions and no general conclusions could be drawn from it.

The discussion brought out that hard rock miners are prejudiced against the 6-pt. bit. The reasons why the 6-pt. bit gave the best results were discussed and it was suggested that by making

finer cuttings, the cuttings were more readily removed and there was less cushioning effect from them on the drill.

### Limestone Mining Methods At Ste. Genevieve, Mo.

Ralph W. Smith, Peerless White Lime Co., Ste. Genevieve, Mo., a mining engineer who has taken on research and development of lime products in addition to direction of mining operations, described the evolution of mining practice in what is generally regarded as the purest deposit of high calcium limestone in the United States. The lime, limestone and precipitated calcium carbonate from this operation are shipped to practically every state in the union.

Mining methods have been developed to take care of three separate strata or layers of limestone, each of which has some special qualities, or properties or impurities which either commend it for certain uses, or prevent its use for other purposes. The total depth of the three strata is about 80 ft. and all except a safe roof and pillars to support it are removed in two or three benching operations.

The drilling and blasting are conducted to produce the least amount of spalls (minus about 4 in.) because the lime plant has no facilities for burning these spalls. This is accomplished by a study and proper selection of the (1) dynamite, (2) placing of drill holes, (3) stemming. It was found too easy to overload the holes with gelatine dynamite, and black powder could not be used because of the gases generated, so an ammonia dynamite was selected. The drilling is done with jack-hammers mounted on columns, and while all the holes are drilled and loaded at one time, they are shot separately, in rotation, from top to bottom, the rock burden from the upper holes being cleaned up before shooting the bottom holes. Moist stemming is used, consisting of 2/3 moist clay and 1/3 pulverized limestone.

Blasting is done during the work of the regular shifts, there being many

headings in the mine, and special safety precautions are taken through warning whistles and red glares.

There is a layer of stone containing considerable magnesium carbonate between the two, much thicker, layers of high calcium stone, which must be handled separately.

Gasoline locomotives and 6- to 10-car trains are used to haul out the stone, which is hand-loaded. There is no artificial ventilation in the mine, the rooms being very high.

With this system of mining and handling, it has been possible to cut down the spalls to about 20 to 22 per cent. The total output of stone is about 3.6 tons per man-hour.

The mining operation and selection of stone in the mine is only the first step in the preparation of carefully controlled processing throughout the plant.

### Purifying Minerals

The quite remarkable progress being made in the separation and classification of minerals hitherto difficult to separate was described at considerable length by G. W. Jarman, Minerals Separation Corporation, New York City. He described in brief (1) magnetic separation, (2) static electrical separators, (3) air flotation separators.

Nearly all the older methods of separation depended on differences in the falling rates of different minerals, or different sizes of minerals, which is the principle of present day sand classifiers in the sand and gravel industry. The medium usually employed is water or solutions or emulsions of various substances in water.

Magnetic separators and electrostatic separators work on the principle of merely deflecting the fall of various particles so that some fall one side and some the other side of a thin dividing diaphragm. The results depend on the magnetic or electric susceptibilities of various materials and on the preparation. About 150-mesh size is the finest

that can now be separated in this manner. Fire clay and glass sand can be separated from iron in this manner; and feldspar from mica, by a similar method, using electrostatic electricity instead of magnetism.

The latest development is air flotation where the minerals to be separated are allowed to flow over a table, very similar to the Wilfley concentrating table used for many years in concentrating ground ores in wet flotation. In the new process air, instead of water, is used to float the particles on the table, the air being admitted from below. Mica, fluorspar, fuller's earth, and abrasives have been classified and concentrated by this method.

Combinations of two or more of the processes described offer great possibilities. Generally, costs are higher now than can be afforded in the preparation of common rock products, but the art is very young.

### **Sand and Gravel**

With Dr. Oliver Bowles, United States Bureau of Mines, presiding, most of the second session had to do with sand and gravel.

E. L. Spain and N. A. Rose, geologists with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), described how the Cumberland river had classified gravels and sand as a natural process. Samples of gravel were taken from the river bed at many points and from many producers' stock piles. These were tested as to mineral character and as to their suitability for aggregates.

From the data collected and from a study of the geology of the country drained by the river, it was possible to chart a profile of a long stretch of the river showing where the various types of aggregates could be found.

The major constituent of the river gravel is chert. Sound chert was considered a satisfactory aggregate. Unsound chert was quite undesirable. Quartzite is the best aggregate material in the river. It is found all the way to the mouth of the river, although it originates in its upper reaches. It is abundant in the river only in the upper and middle parts. What was termed weathered chert and sandstone are the next best aggregates after sound chert. Neither, however, are considered good aggregates.

The study is of interest in showing how the character of the country through which a river flows affects the gravel deposits in the stream bed, and in showing how the attrition of the moving materials produces sand from the sandstone and silt from the cherts; where these deposits are found, and why.

The discussion concerned chiefly the merits of the freezing and thawing and

sodium sulphate tests as to determinability of soundness. It was brought out by Stanton Walker, director of engineering and research, National Sand and Gravel Association, that to draw the line between sound and unsound cherts is one of the hardest problems the industry faced. Most southern river gravels are largely chert.

### **Sand and Gravel Specifications**

In his paper on sand and gravel specifications and the reasons for them, Stanton Walker discussed unsoundness of aggregates and the various tests tried to determine soundness. With these, Rock Products readers are more familiar than mining engineers, for whom the paper was intended. He also told of the attempt being made by the joint committee of the three national aggregate associations to establish standard specifications for sizes of aggregates.

### **Mineral Wool**

J. R. Thoenen, senior engineer, technologic branch, U. S. Bureau of Mines, spoke extemporaneously on the results of his recent investigation of mineral wool manufacture in the United States. His work will be published in detail by the Bureau, probably before the end of the year.

In 1929 when Mr. Thoenen made a similar investigation (published as I.C. 6142, June 1929) he located seven companies operating eight plants. Production in 1928 was about 50,000 tons. In 1937 there were 50 or more companies operating about 60 plants and their capacity was estimated at 500,000 tons per annum—undoubtedly the fastest growing rock products industry.

He sketched the history of mineral wool and its character. The materials from which it is being made are very numerous, including calcareous shales, slags from all kinds of metallurgical plants, sand, soda ash and limestone and waste glass, combinations of dolomites and limestone with shale or clay, old china or crockery, firebrick and even top soil.

Mr. Thoenen estimated that there were in operation today the equivalent of 150 cupolas, averaging 10 tons per 24 hrs. capacity each, and that the products produced were approximately one-third loose wool, one-third granulated wool, one-third fabricated wool (into blankets, bats, insulation blocks, pipe covering, etc.)

The cupolas range from 26 to 72 in. in diameter and 7 to 16 ft. high. They are water-cooled with circulating water pressures in jackets from 25 to 100 lb. per sq. in., requiring 25 to 50 gal. per min. per cupola. Melting temperatures apparently vary from 2300 to 3400 deg. F. The temperatures at which the slags are blown are considerably lower, ranging from 2000 to 2850 deg.

Air pressures for blowing the cupolas, according to Mr. Thoenen, range from 1.7 oz. to 1½ lb. per sq. in.; the amount of air required varying from 60 to 1200 cu. ft. per min.; the air required per pound of loose wool varied all the way from 6 to 86 cu. ft. The tuyeres (slag outlets) varied all the way from 4 to 24 in. above the floor.

The cupolas had each from 1 to 6 streams at a tap, and the streams of slag varied from ¼ to ¾ in. diameter, and were 3 to 15 in. long—the distance from the tap to nozzle varying somewhat with the type of wool blown.

Both steam and air are used for blowing the wool. Steam pressures varied from 45 to 125 lb. per sq. in. and air pressures 50 to 95. There was a corresponding difference in the amounts of steam or air required. There were differences in fibre diameter, the average size being 5 to 10 microns.

In the raw mix the ratio of acid to basic materials varied from 1.5 to 1 to 1.0 to 2.2. The charge of coke to raw material varied considerably, the average for rock wool being 1:2.46.

For each 1000 lb. of raw material 630 lb. were recovered as loose wool, 430 lb. as granulated wool, or there was a 200-lb. loss in "shot," in the case of the average rock wool plant.

Mr. Thoenen outlined things that would doubtless have to be covered in specifications in any attempt to standardize the product. It is quite obvious from the figures quoted that practice in the art of mineral wool manufacture is anything but standardized and there are doubtless a great many varieties and qualities of wool on the market.

### **Hydraulic Stripping**

The method of stripping overburden from an unnamed quarry in southeastern West Virginia was described with much detail by Mark Sheppard, of the Pittsburgh Experiment Station of the U. S. Bureau of Mines. The paper will prove helpful to those contemplating this method as the hydraulic mathematics of the problem are worked out in detail.

The cost of operation for four months (3465 hours) was given as \$9,616, a little more than half of which was for labor and about one-third for electric power. The amount of overburden removed was 8300 cu. yd., giving a cost of \$1.16 per cu. yd. The quarry face was 175 ft. high. This cost is obviously high, but the top of the limestone was badly eroded and removing the overburden by hand methods was doubtless more costly.

### **Bureau of Mines Work**

The remaining papers dealt with the work being done by the Bureau of Mines. Dr. O. C. Ralston, of the non-metallic division of the Eastern Experi-



ment Station of the Bureau devoted his extemporaneous remarks to work the Bureau might do. He emphasized the practically unlimited field for research in the industrial minerals, particularly silica and silicates.

A paper prepared by J. R. Thoenen, supervising engineer, and Stephen L.

Windes, seismologic observer, U. S. Bureau of Mines, on the measurement of ordinary house vibrations should prove useful to quarry operators who are troubled with law suits by neighbors over blasting operations, for it provides data on the vibration of a house from many much commoner causes.

## CEMENT NEWS...

### Complete Cement Storage Plant

HURON-PORTLAND CEMENT Co. has completed the construction of a storage plant at Muskegon, Mich., having a capacity of 60,000 bbl., making the city one of the principal cement distributing centers on the east shore of Lake Michigan. The plant comprises a battery of six storage elevators, packing facilities, and offices. After the Huron-Love slip has been dredged to a depth of 19 ft., all ships may load and unload cargoes of cement without any difficulty. Cement is unloaded with pumps which force the product, under pneumatic pressure, through a pipe line from the boat to the elevators. During construction of the new plant, the freighter, Samuel Mitchell, was used by the company as a floating warehouse.

### Reports European Concrete Home Construction

WILLIAM W. MEIN, president of Calaveras Cement Co., San Francisco, Calif., after his return from a five-months' trip to Europe, reports some notable advances in German highway construction, particularly in divided traffic lanes and grade separation. He also commented on the remarkable boom in cement operations in Europe, resulting from large increases in small home construction. Relatively high prices for cement had made possible the operation of what would be considered uneconomical cement plants in this country.

### Rebuild and Modernize Two Cement Plants

UNIVERSAL-ATLAS CEMENT Co. is rebuilding the Leeds, Ala., plant and equipping it with modern equipment. A contract for new machinery, amounting to approximately \$250,000 was awarded to Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. The contract covers four wet process, raw material grinding ball mills,

two air quenching clinker coolers, two clinker grinding preliminators and two clinker grinding ball-peb mills. Clinker grinding capacity is rated from 275 to 280 bbl. of cement per hour. Similar modernization work is being carried out at the Hudson, N. Y., plant.

### Cement Imports Cause Concern

FOREIGN CEMENT continues to enter the country in increasing quantities in spite of the fact that cuts of from 12 to 63 cents per barrel have been placed in effect on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. For the first seven months of the year, imports have averaged 65 percent ahead of the like 1936 period, totaling more than 1,000,000 bbl. Belgium continues to be the leading shipper, followed by Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands. An investigation is now being made on reports that these countries are "dumping" cement in this country in violation of our tariff laws.

### Expect Gain for Year In Cement Output

PORTLAND CEMENT PRODUCTION is expected to show an increase in 1937 of more than 10 percent over 1936. The year's output has been estimated at more than 125,000,000 bbl., a decided gain over the 1933 depression low point of 63,500,000 bbl. This 1937 estimate compares favorably with peak production of about 176,000,000 bbl. of cement in 1928. The Portland Cement Association estimates that the industry has 163 mills located in 35 states, capable of turning out 263,000,000 bbl. of cement annually.

### Reopen Plant After Month Shut-Down

EDISON CEMENT Co. reopened its plant at New Village, N. J., on October 4, after a month's shut-down. The company's quarries at Oxford also resumed operation. About 300 men are employed.

### Open Pacific Coast Cement Plant

Cowell Portland Cement Co., Cowell, Calif., which has been closed since July 16, as a result of a conflict between A. F. of L. and C.I.O. labor organizations, opened on October 1, according to reports from San Francisco. Hearings have been held by the National Labor Relations Board, seeking to settle the controversy. The company contended at one of the hearings that it was engaged in intra-state commerce and therefore was not subject to the Wagner Act.

### May Rebuild Alsen Cement Plant

PORTLAND CEMENT Co. will rebuild its plant at Alsen, N. Y., at an expenditure of \$3,000,000 for rehabilitation and equipment. This plant has not been in operation for a number of years, and much of the equipment is obsolete and buildings in need of repairs. The report stated construction activities would start about January 1, 1938.

### September Statistics On Cement Production

Portland Cement Industry in September, 1937, produced 11,223,000 bbl., shipped 12,773,000 bbl. from the mills, and had in stock at the end of the month 21,389,000 bbl., according to the Bureau of Mines. Production of Portland cement in September, 1937, showed a decrease of 9.1 percent and shipments an increase of 1.2 percent compared with September, 1936. Stocks at mills were 14.1 percent higher than a year ago.

The statistics here given are compiled from reports for September, received by the Bureau of Mines, from all manufacturing plants.

In the following statement of relation of production to capacity, the total output of finished cement is compared with the estimated capacity of 160 plants at the close of September, 1936 and 1937.

	September 1936	September 1937	Aug. 1937	July 1937	June 1937
The month ..	57.1	53.1	54.4	53.1	52.8
The 12 mos. ended .....	38.1	47.1	47.6	47.8	47.8

"SCAN" is the title of an interesting house organ published from time to time by the Monarch Cement Co., Humboldt, Kans. It is an excellent example of promotional literature, and is profusely illustrated to show various uses of concrete and also contains numerous human interest items.

TULSA PORTLAND CEMENT Co., Tulsa, Okla., plans to install motors and controls, conveyors, transformers, etc., in new cement mill.

# Produces Heavy Tonnage of Sand and Gravel with Unique Dredge and Sand-Recovery Equipment

By T. E. RUST

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**S**OME INTERESTING RESULTS in sand classification and recovery are being obtained at the Byron, Ill., plant of the Concrete Materials Corp., Waterloo, Iowa, a plant built to produce a high tonnage of washed gravel railroad ballast. The plant has been designed for continuous production and direct loading without provision for storage. Having a sand requirement in the specification and no bins on which to superimpose sand settling and collecting equipment, existing conventional equipment has been adapted quite effectively to meet conditions.

The plant was erected in 1933 on the property of the Chicago Great Western Railroad to produce ballast for that railway on a long time contract. The specification requires that all material be clean and washed with a top requirement that all gravel pass a 2-in. round opening and not less than 30 percent by weight of the ballast pass the 10-mesh screen. This specification is being met from a deposit averaging 15 percent

plus 2-in. round openings, with 40 percent minus the No. 4 sand screen and with gravel to sand ratio of approximately 1:1.

About 200 tons of ballast are being produced per hour. With six men, over 30 cars (70-80 tons) of railroad ballast are produced and shipped daily when operating on a single shift and up to 50 cars or more when, as at present, the plant is operating on a double shift.

## **Unique Floating Dredge**

Other than the method of handling sand, the plant is comparatively simple. Excavation is by a 10-in. "counter-flow" pump (Amsco) on a unique floating dredge, with a 12-in. suction and a 10-in. discharge line. The pump and 300 hp., 2300 volt motor are mounted on a barge consisting of the tanks from five old oil cars and the 40 ft. "Swintek" ladder is mounted on two larger tanks. These tanks are reasonable in price and make an excellent and economical barge.

All solids pass through a 60-in. conical revolving screen (Link-Belt) with 2-in. round openings. Oversize is reduced through a Universal 9- x 36-in. jaw crusher and is circulated back through the screen. The minus 2-in. product from the conical screen passes over a stationary sloping gravity screen with 3/16- x 1 1/2-in. slotted openings (No. 4), and that retained on this screen goes by means of a belt feeder directly to the 30-in. belt conveyor, 140-ft., centers, to the ballast-loading tippie. The gravity type screen was adopted in order to rid the plus No. 4 material of the large amount of water delivered by the 10-in. pump so that it could be handled by the belt conveyor without slippage. At first this screen, approximately 12 ft. square, was set at an angle of 45 deg., but this did not prove successful. After some experiment the upper 4-ft. was set at about a 22 deg. slope and the screen now delivers sufficiently dry material with much reduced wear on the screen cloth.



Dredge and pipe line of the Concrete Materials Corp. plant at Byron, Ill. Barge on which pump and motor are mounted comprises tanks from five old oil cars, and the 40 ft. ladder is mounted on two larger tanks



Sand classifier which discharges into feed end of twin screw washer. When there is no demand for commercial sand, the sump pump passes the mixture of sand and water back into the lake



Overflow from the sand classifier in the foreground is flumed to the 18-in. twin screw washer where commercial sand is recovered and discharged on the conveyor to the left. Ballast conveyor is on the right



To prevent segregation and for a uniform distribution of fines in this type of a plant in which ballast is loaded directly to cars, the correct percentage of sand must be introduced, without interruption, on the same belt carrying the No. 4 to 2-in. gravel to the cars.

A 30-in. Shaw classifier is used to gather the proper sized sand grains to be blended with the plus No. 4 product on the belt conveyor. To prevent flooding of the belt conveyor and the conveyor tail pulley, it was necessary to place the classifier to the side of the conveyor near its tail pulley and provide a means of transferring the sand to the belt.

The minus No. 4 sand and water (3000 g.p.m.) from the gravity screen flows through a 4-ft. flume with a slight slope downward to the Shaw classifier. The classifier is set to return the necessary 30 percent, minus 10-mesh product and the coarser fines to the ballast. From 50 to 60 tons of the minus 10-mesh sand and from 20 to 30 tons of 10-mesh to No. 4 sand (representing a total of 80 tons of sand) are recovered for mixing with the No. 4 to 2-in. gravel on the conveyor belt.

The Shaw classifier discharges into the feed end of an Eagle Iron Works twin screw washer (20-in. diameters) set on an angle of 27 deg. The washer bridges the gap between the classifier and the conveyor, upon which it discharges, giving it an added scrubbing at the same time. Being set on a 27 deg. incline, the washer can effectively handle 80 tons of sand per hour while performing a good job of dewatering. The overflow from the washer is flumed back to the lake.



Sand from the classifier on the right is passed into the 20-in. twin screw washer which discharges into the ballast conveyor. Set on a 27 deg. angle, the washer can effectively handle 80 tons of sand per hour



New sand conveyor and bin for loading railroad cars. Sand bin has a capacity of 60 tons or approximately one carload

### Recover Wasted Sand

Until this year, the sand in the water overflowing from the Shaw classifier was wasted. This mixture of sand and water passed to a sump and was pumped back into the lake by an 8-in. Amsco pump.

Early in the spring the Chicago Great Western Railroad decided to recover the sand being wasted, and a separate installation was made enabling the recovery of bedding sand or graded sand meeting the Illinois State specifications for commercial sand.

The flume from the classifier was extended and a 9-ft. overflow box was built and Eagle Iron Works 18-in. twin screw washers were installed. The mixture of sand and water passes to the washer box through a perforated plate with 1-in. holes to kill the velocity of the water and to deaden whirls and

currents as the water and sand enter the box.

The "tail gate" of the box has two 6-in. planks which may be removed to lower the level if it is necessary to reduce the percentage of fines recovered. An accurate check is kept on the final sand product coming from the washer and the "tail gate" is adjusted accordingly. About 6 or 7 cars (60 tons to the car) of commercial sand are recovered in an average 13-hr. day, sand which was formerly wasted. The screws are set on a 25 deg. incline so that the maximum amount of water may be removed.

### Sand Recovery Methods and Equipment

The screw washer discharges directly to an 18-in. belt conveyor, 120-ft. centers, and 16-deg. slope, to a sand bin of 60-ton capacity adjacent to the railroad siding. If there is no demand for commercial sand, a gate is dropped in the flume so that all water and sand coming from the Shaw classifier goes to the sump and is wasted. The 60-ton sand bin provides a reserve of one railroad car of sand. There is not much difficulty in meeting the Illinois specification of 5 percent minus the 50-mesh, but often a slight adjustment is needed for intermediate sieve tests. This is readily varied by changing the gravity screen openings or by by-passing some of the minus No. 4 sand and water around the Shaw classifier.

### Open New Deposit In Nebraska

PRELIMINARY WORK HAS BEEN STARTED in opening a new gravel deposit near St. Edward, Nebr. Jasper Cruise, Leslie Green and Charles Brown are interested in the project. Orr T. Nichols of Omaha, Nebr., installed the pump and some of the machinery, and Frank McComb is in charge of building chutes and erecting machinery. The gravel pit is on the O. H. Flory farm south of St. Edward.

# Working Silica Rock Deposit to PRODUCE ACCEPTABLE SAND SIZES

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**T**O PRODUCE A BUILDING AND CONCRETE sand of acceptable size gradations from a silica rock deposit, the Temple Slag Co., Inc., Temple, Penn., designed and built a new sand plant which is now in operation. The company has been producing stone and sand on a small scale at this location since 1917. Originally stone was hauled to the single crusher in wheelbarrows, the production being half stone and half sand.

Prior to the construction of the new plant, the rock formation, testing 97.3 percent pure silica, had been quarried to a depth of 75 to 80 ft. Much of the stone was well-drilled and shot down, but the new plant was built not only to increase production but also to eliminate uphill hauling.

The deep face was abandoned and the new plant was constructed above the old quarry, going into production May 1, 1937. Natural sand and stone sand are being produced exclusively at this large aggregate producing plant.

Decomposed silica rock is found in the upper 15 or 20 ft. of the deposit, much of it occurring as natural sand but inter-



Primary crusher reduces stone to minus 2-in. size. Throughs pass to a rotary screen with  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. openings

persed with some rock, and followed in the lower strata by rock. Operations are at present confined to this upper strata,

where little or no blasting is needed. The sand is very sharp, hard and rough in its natural state. Fortunately, no stripping is required, and only a few trees and brush need be removed.

A Mack truck is loaded by a Byers Bearcat  $\frac{3}{8}$ -yd. gasoline shovel and hauls about 6 tons of sand and rock (usually not requiring sledging) to a 10-ton hopper feeding the crushers below on the hillside. A grizzly, between the primary crusher opening and the hopper, by-passes all minus  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. stone to a rotary screen below the crusher. All other stone is reduced to minus 2-in. through the Beaumont 10 x 20 primary jaw crusher. The crusher throughs pass to a 4-x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ft. rotary screen, with  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. openings.

Minus  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. stone from the screen by-passes the Kennedy No. 19 gearless gyratory secondary crusher below to an 18-in. belt conveyor, on 45-ft. centers, which carries it direct to the sizing screen. Plus  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. stone, after passing



Portable loader in old quarry storage yard employed for loading trucks. Gasoline shovel also is used to speed up handling of truck shipments, and is available for other work

through the reduction crusher, joins the by-passed stone on the belt conveyor.

This conveyor discharges to a Kennedy 3x6-ft. double-deck vibrating screen, the upper deck merely serving to balance the load on the screen. Minus 3/16-in. material (natural sand) from the screen is chuted direct to a Kennedy wash box. Here the sand is washed and given a final rinse, by maintaining the water level in the box above the prescribed level. Wash water is furnished from a nearby creek by a 3-in. Marsh pump connected to a pipeline reduced to 1½-in. diameter at the wash box. A 16-in. belt conveyor, on 20-ft. centers, discharges washed natural sand from the wash box to open storage over the bank into the old abandoned quarry.

#### **Dry Pan Grinds Stone to Sand Sizes**

Plus 3/16-in. stone from the vibrating screen goes to a surge bin feeding a Chambers 7½-ft. dry pan below, where it is ground to sand sizes. The bottom of the dry pan consists of a manganese steel plate screen with 3/16-in. openings, through which the stone sand passes when ground to the desired size. The stone is highly abrasive, and previous to installation of the manganese steel plate screen would wear out the ordinary steel plates in a matter of hours; the manganese plates are replaced once each season. Grinding tires are adjustable, to permit maintaining even pressure on the stone particles as the tires become worn.

Stone sand (minus 3/16-in.) passing the screen plates in the dry pan is elevated by a 15-ft. bucket elevator to a small stationary screen with 3/16-in. openings. Rejects from this screen return to the dry pan, while the throughs are carried over a belt conveyor on 80 ft. centers and discharged over the bank to open storage. The stone sand can be diverted in any proportion in the chute to pass to the wash box if it is desired to mix stone sand with natural sand.

Normally, about 250 tons of sand are produced in an 8-hr. day of which about 40 percent is stone sand. Both sands are sold for concrete aggregate. Stone sand has a ready market for use in mason's work, plastering, cement finishing and in foundry work for furnace bottoms. Both sands meet requirements for size gradation and maximum silt content as specified for grade A usage. Shipments are made by trucks, loaded in the old quarry by a Barber-Greene portable loader and an Insley ½-yd. gasoline shovel.

A 50-hp. motor drives, through a line shaft, the two crushers, the dry pan and the wash box.



*Dry pan, with adjustable grinding tires, pulverizes stone to sand sizes. The bottom of the dry pan is a manganese steel plate with 3/16-in. openings*



*Gyratory secondary crusher for reduction of ¾-in. stone. Minus ¾-in. stone by-passes crusher and is carried by belt conveyor to sizing screen*



*Wash box for cleaning sand receives its water supply from a nearby creek from which it is pumped. A belt conveyor discharges the washed sand to open storage into the old quarry*



# Interesting Developments In Tube Mill Reground Calcined Gypsum

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**P**RODUCTION OF PLASTER by the process of grinding calcined gypsum in a tube mill, or ball mill, is reported to have been developed and put into practice about 1911. However, it was during 1921 and 1922 that two patent applications were filed which covered the process.

Patent No. 1,392,574 dated Oct. 4, 1921, was granted Warren E. Emley for his tube mill process of making plastic calcined gypsum. The advantage Mr. Emley claimed for his process of tube mill grinding is expressed in the following paragraphs, which are copied from his patent:

"I find that if calcined gypsum is ground severely so as to liberate the water, but in such a way that the water cannot escape, the resultant product has radically different properties. It is now plastic, rather than non-plastic. This can be proved by testing the material by means of the Carson blotter test as described in the Transactions of the National Lime Manufacturers Association, 1916, p. 175, or by means of a plasticimeter. It can be used alone as the white coat of plaster, and can be used with at least six parts (by weight) of sand for scratch or brown coats. When compared with the original material, it will be found to require more water to mix it to a given consistency, that it sets more slowly, and that it will develop higher tensile strength after setting. To use this material as a wall plaster, it will, of course, be necessary to retard it, using for this purpose the ordinary reagents which are used in the manufacture of wall plaster from calcined gypsum."

"If it is not practicable to grind the calcined gypsum in such a way as to prevent evaporation of the liberated water, the same end can be attained by adding, either before or during the grinding, enough water to make up for the quantity evaporated, so that the final product will contain approximately one molecule of water to two molecules of calcium sulphate."

Patent No. 1,457,161, dated May 29, 1923, was granted Robert E. Haire, for his tube mill process of making plastic gypsum. The following quotations from Mr. Haire's patent will describe what he claims for his patent:

"My invention relates to the production of plastic gypsum, such as that described in Letters Patent of the United States No. 1,392,574 granted to Warren E. Emley Oct. 4, 1921. In carrying out the process, I take calcined gypsum as it comes from the kettle after the first settle and pass this through a tube mill with exclusion of air, so that in the grinding operation the water content will not be allowed to evaporate. The calcined gypsum as it comes from the first settle in the calcining action contains about six percent of moisture, and this moisture is retained in the material or in the tube mill wherein the grinding process is carried out."

Mr. Haire next describes the principle of his tube mill which in general operation is similar to those used at the present time in cement mills and gypsum plants. Quoting further from the above patent:

"Several tons of the material, having been introduced into the cylinder and rotated with the exclusion of air, the material is ground with its water content and discharged through the circumferential openings. As discharged from the tube mill, it is found that it is sufficiently plastic for use as the white coat of plaster without further treatment. Plastic gypsum is also very much superior to the ordinary non-plastic gypsum or calcined plaster in making hardwall plaster, gypsum blocks, or for any other purpose where ordinary calcined plaster or plaster Paris is used."

The two above patents appear to cover the same general principle; that is, first-settle, calcined gypsum is ground in a tube mill, excluding air from outside sources. The objective of the process is to produce a more plastic calcined gypsum. The theory of this accomplishment is based on the fact that in grind-

ing the stucco, some of its water is freed and then re-absorbed by the calcium sulphate. This theory of reabsorption is discredited by some men of the present day gypsum industry. However, whether or not the theory is correct the objective of producing a more plastic material by tube mill regrinding has been very definitely accomplished. Another deviation from the original intent of the patents is that the process seems to have been developed primarily for making a plastic material for white finish coat plastering. However, present practice is to make the ordinary wall plasters by the tube mill process, but not plaster for finish coat work.

## Development of the Process

One large gypsum manufacturer claims to have used the tube mill since 1911. While the product made by this installation was apparently satisfactory no particular emphasis seems to have been placed upon its merits. As a matter of fact the outstanding characteristic which attracted attention to plaster made with this mill was the increased bulk of the material. Larger sacks had to be secured in which to pack the product, and the larger package required for the product was a feature which was used to some extent in advertising the new plaster. Granting that tube mill plaster always has been a superior product, it is somewhat difficult to account for the fact that the use of this type of mill lay practically dormant for a period of about 20 years. One possible explanation for this situation may be based on an economic fact. The operation of tube mills is definitely more expensive than several types of grinding, and it is also difficult to convey the product through the various types of machinery and get it into the bags. Such conditions may have discouraged the expansion of the process until competition became so keen that plaster companies were forced to improve their product even if the new method raised the cost of production.

Beginning about 1928 or 1929, there was a movement toward adoption of the tube mill for use in regrinding calcined gypsum, but it was not until about five years later that there was a definite trend to the installation of tube mills in the gypsum industry. Following the blanket installation of ball mills a high-powered advertising campaign was initiated, advancing claims of superb qualities in the plaster recently developed by each manufacturer's process. Such names as plasticized, microscopic and patented plaster were among the terms used in the advertising literature. However, the important principle behind each development was the use of a tube mill for regrinding.

Still further advances in grinding installations have been made during the past year and a half. Since the larger mills with tube grinding installations could reach out into the sales territories served by smaller mills, which hoped to avoid the expense of the installation and operation of the new equipment, the result was a loss of business to the smaller mills. However, those plants which were losing business soon met the emergency by making the proper installation, and at present there is probably only one gypsum company among the larger producers and a few smaller producers who do not regrind calcined gypsum with a tube mill. Probably the very latest development in the trend toward tube mill regrinding occurred during 1936, when some gypsite mills in the southwest installed tube mills.

#### **Regrinding Improves Quality**

Unquestionably, ball mill regrinding imparts outstanding characteristics to the plaster. Probably the most important of these is the increase in plasticity. There are numerous ways of measuring this characteristic such as by the use of the Carson blotter test, the Emley plasticimeter, and by the feel of the samples as they are tested in the laboratory. However, the real test comes from the response of the mechanics who use the plaster, and this test has proved beyond question the improvement which has been accomplished. It may be interesting to mention at this time that fresh plaster, made by other grinding processes, sometimes meets as favorable response as that made by the newer process. However, the material ground by the old methods soon shows a loss in desirable working qualities as it becomes older. This loss of plasticity is not apparent in the tube mill reground plaster.

Another highly pleasing feature in tube mill reground plaster is its ability when used for sand float finish, to float uniformly, resembling the uniformity of sand paper rather than a surface having alternately smooth and rough areas all

over the wall. This is one feature which can be clearly demonstrated by using the old style plaster on an adjacent wall.

Claims of increased strength are made for plaster produced by this newer process, but whether or not this assertion has a substantial foundation is more or less a question. This quality for ordinary wall plaster is immaterial because the strength of plaster made by any standard method is sufficient to meet the requirements for which it is used.

Tube mill regrinding increases the bulk of plaster. The amount of increase depends upon the intensity of the grinding action to which the stucco is subjected. In general, the greater the bulk of the plaster the more sand it will carry, and tube mill reground plaster is generally better plaster for carrying sand than plaster made by other methods. However, most plasters will carry as much sand as should be used to insure proper strength, and a plaster with too large a sand carrying capacity is not desirable as it leads to oversanding and resultant weak walls.

#### **Objections to Tube Mill Plaster**

Granting that plaster reground in a tube mill makes a product superior in quality to plaster made by the older processes, there are some minor objections to the product. One objection is that most tube mill plaster contains flat hard flakes. To give a rough approximation of the amount of these flakes which may be found in the plaster, it is safe to say that a quantity equal to one or two percent of the total amount screened will remain on an 8-mesh sieve.

There is some difference of opinion about the way these plaster flakes are formed, but one theory which seems to be reasonable, at least in part, is that the finely ground stucco becomes compressed and packs against the balls in the mill or its walls. This compressed stucco breaks loose and passes out of the mill in the form of flakes. It seems that the grinding action can be regulated in one or more ways to reduce the tendency to flaking. For instance, increasing the grinding action by lessening the feed going into the mill or adding more balls will reduce flaking. However, these methods are not always practicable for when the stucco is ground too fine it becomes almost impossible to pass the product through the various equipment in which it must travel. The temperature to which the gypsum is calcined is also a controlling factor in the formation of flakes.

The flakes in question will mix readily with water and make just as plastic a mortar as the rest of the plaster. In reality they do no harm to the plaster. The objection to them comes about in

this way. Some plasterers will screen the fiber out of plaster when they want unfibered material. Some of these flakes will appear on the screen with the fiber and their presence may cause the workmen to suspect that these lumps are some foreign material in the plaster which should not be there. Since tubed plaster has gained such general use the trade has become pretty well accustomed to the flakes which are practically always present to some extent, and less comment is made on this subject than when the material was introduced.

Another important characteristic of tube mill reground plaster is that it will not mix readily with lime putty. The old style plaster, with a texture more like sand, will mix much better with putty for white finishing work. Of course, the proper practice when doing white coat finishing is to buy a special finishing plaster (usually called gauging plaster) to use with the lime putty. Gauging plaster is manufactured from the whitest of gypsum, and is manufactured in such a way that it will mix readily with lime. In certain territories, at least, the past practice has been to buy only the regular fibered plaster and use it for all purposes. When doing white finish work the fiber was screened out and then the plaster was used with lime putty. When this method was tried with a tube mill ground plaster, it was found almost impossible to get a uniform mixture, and in the event the gypsum plaster was not as white as the lime the wall would dry out streaked. Consequently, it has required considerable missionary work to teach the plastering trade that to get the best results with their lime putty work, it was necessary to buy a gauging plaster which was especially manufactured for the purpose. The final result simply means that the manufacture and use of gypsum products is becoming more specialized.

#### **Manufacturing Ideals**

Manufacture of tube mill plaster has not been a simple process. One reason is probably the fact that these mills have been installed in plants which were not designed for such equipment, and the installation has had to be done on the basis of making the best of the facilities at hand.

Following is a description of the general method which seems to be considered the best practice:

The crushed gypsum is ground by Raymond mills, Buhr stones or some other grinding equipment to a fineness from 80 to 95 percent through 100 mesh. This material is calcined in the customary manner. The stucco is next transferred to a storage bin where it may cool to some degree before going to the tube mill. Stucco being fed into the tube should not be hot (preferably less than 180 deg. F.), and some me-

chanical control must be used to maintain a constant feed into the mill. Drag chains under the storage bin seem to be the most acceptable equipment for this purpose.

The rate at which the stucco is fed into the mill is determined by the size of the mill and the number of balls it contains. A rough guide for the amount of feed can be considered as about one ton of stucco per hour for every two tons of balls in the mill. Balls of from 1-in. to 1½-in. in diameter seem to be the most effective for the purpose.

Of course there are various factors which help to determine the output of the tube, and this can only be regulated by the quality of the product which is being made. The quality of the product is determined principally by its grind and plasticity. Using the Emley plasticity machine, it is found that stucco with a plasticity figure of 150 to 180 will reach a figure between 250 and 350 after being reground in the tube mill. A typical screen analysis of a well tubed plaster will be close to the following table: On 8-mesh, 0 percent, on 14-mesh, ½ percent; on 40 mesh, 50 percent; on 100 mesh 80 percent; and through 100 mesh 15 percent.

To get the best results, the stucco being discharged from the tube should be about 235 to 245 deg. F. The consistency of the discharge is normally higher at the discharge than at the feed, and the set will usually run from two to five minutes slower at the discharge end.

The foregoing description has been tabulated to show the practice which is considered ideal, at least by some of the biggest producers of gypsum products. However, tube mill reground plaster is being made at some factories which deviate from these ideals by a wide margin, and the product is still meeting with very favorable response.

### **Manufacturing Difficulties**

To those who have not gone through the experience of manufacturing a tube mill reground plaster, the process will no doubt sound like a simple problem of installing a piece of grinding machinery and starting the wheels turning. Such is not the case, however, because endless difficulties are encountered in handling this finely ground plaster.

In the first place, if the temperature in the tube mill is too hot or the grind is too fine the contents of the mill will not discharge and the mill fills up. When this happens, there is nothing to do except to dig out the mill. Some mills use a method of air sweeping to assure a satisfactory discharge from their mills. The tube mill must be heated up in cold weather before using its product, otherwise condensed water sets

up some of the stucco in the mill and causes fast set trouble.

Having removed the material from the mill, precaution must be taken to facilitate its further transportation. The customary spout incline for old style plaster will not be steep enough for this new product; larger, steeper spouts therefore must be installed. Screw conveyors probably will have to be increased in size and speed to take care of tube mill reground plaster. The same thing applies to elevators. Furthermore, it usually proves that the belt drives which had been adequate for driving the conveyors and elevators when the old style plaster was handled, will fail to pull the load with the new plaster. Possibly wider pulleys and belts will do the trick, but it is not unusual to resort to a positive chain drive to pull the load.

Having finally gotten the plaster into the bins, another difficult problem is encountered when it comes to taking out the material. A relative comparison of the way the two kinds of plaster will drain out of bins works out somewhat like the following example. Assume that a bin is 15 ft. square and 40 ft. deep, with a gate one foot square in the bottom through which to draw the contents of the bin. When this bin is full of the old style plaster, at least two-thirds of it can be drawn out through the hole in the bottom. The results are quite different if this same bin is filled with tube mill reground plaster. The only gravity drainage from this bin through the hole in the bottom will be that which will drain out from directly above the gate. This free drainage will empty a space in the bin cylindrical in shape with a diameter at the bottom of about 3 ft., and the size of the opening would not be much more than 5 ft. until it gets near the top of the bin. The foregoing figures are only relative, but serve the purpose quite accurately. It is not unusual to have as little as 25 percent gravity drainage from a plaster bin filled with tube mill reground plaster. It is a common practice to have openings at various places in bins through which air jets may be inserted and the plaster blown loose to some extent by the air pressure.

### **Packing Tubed Plaster**

Difficulties in manufacturing tube mill reground plaster follow through the process right up to the time the plaster is put into the sacks. Packing this material presents its share of difficulties, especially if water proof bags are used which will not readily expel the air. Some of the plans which have been resorted to in order to satisfactorily pack bags on a Bates machine are as follows: Air jets are inserted in the hopper directly above the shaft in the Bates machine. Air may be blown

through these jets in order to knock down the bridge of plaster which is prone to build up above the shaft and paddles. A device has recently been developed by the Bates Valve Bag Corp., whereby a small air line is run into the spout on which the bag fits. A push button along the side of the spout controls the air stream. The men employed as packers by this means may blow the tube clean at will. In some instances it has been found advantageous to increase the speed of the Bates paddle shaft by approximately 200 r.p.m., which exerts greater force in driving the plaster into the bag.

### **Future Grinding Developments**

The trend toward tube mill regrinding of calcined gypsum has been so general in recent years that it is hard to think in terms of any other system replacing the tube mills. About three years ago, there was a machinery company which experimented extensively on a machine to replace the tube. The quality of the product produced with this new type of equipment was quite acceptable, but from a production angle it apparently did not produce satisfactory results. For many years plaster was quite generally made by grinding only before calcination. This process of course is more economical than adding the burden of regrinding the calcined material. The old style process did not, of course, meet all the requirements for making a quality product. However, it seems that an ideal goal toward which to work for future development would be some process for giving gypsum a type of initial grind which would calcine into a plaster having as desirable properties as are now obtained by regrinding in a tube mill after calcination. Possibly the answer will be somewhat the reverse of this scheme; that is, the initial grinding will be reduced to a minimum and the quality control of the product will be made up through regrinding. To some extent this scheme is approached by plaster made in rotary calciners and reground in a tube mill.

TRACES OF ALUMINUM DUST in silica-laden air tend to inhibit silicosis, according to a report from Toronto, Canada. This conclusion was made after tests had been made on rabbits. Other researches in the past have concluded that certain other dusts, including calcium carbonate also may have some protective action and may assist the lungs in dust elimination. However, the best known methods of preventing and controlling silicosis are segregation of dust-producing operations, dust control, ventilation, protective devices, good housekeeping and medical supervision, including periodical X-ray chest examinations.





View showing principal buildings of interesting calcite plant operated by Harry T. Campbell Sons at Texas, Md.

## Equip and Remodel Calcite Plant for **FINE CRUSHING and SCREENING**

By STAFF EDITOR

**H**IGH CALCIUM FINE STONE PRODUCTS for a myriad of applications and sold nationally are being manufactured at the calcite plant of Harry T. Campbell Sons at Texas, Md. The plant was purchased from the Maryland Calcite Co., four years ago, and has been remodeled and enlarged considerably to manufacture a highly diversified line of products. Originally only chicken grits and stucco dash were manufactured at the plant.

The formation, about one quarter mile from the plant, contains a highly crystalline rock, testing better than 97 per cent pure  $\text{CaCO}_3$ . Calcite is being quarried from a 20-ft. face.

After blasting, it is sledged to 12-in. and under and hand-loaded into 3-ton trucks for delivery to the plant. Rock is stored at the elevated plant hopper housed in an open shed, and is fed to the crushers by hand. Stone to be rejected is picked out in the shed and

hauled to trucks in a car operated over narrow gauge track.

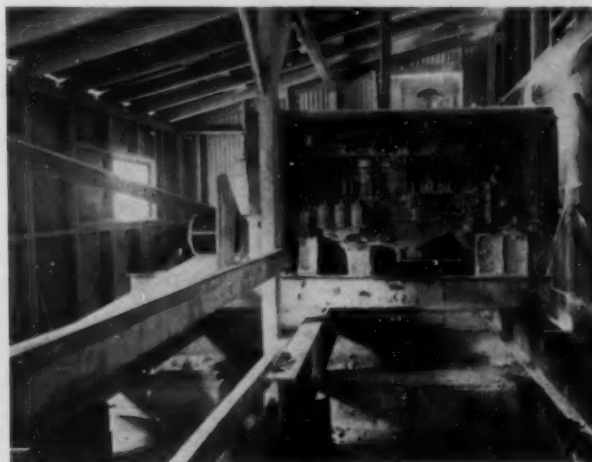
### **Fine Crushing Operations**

After the calcite is passed through the New Holland primary jaw crusher, it goes through a series of three 10 x 12-in. New Holland rolls in tandem, where all calcite is reduced to minus  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. size.

From the rolls, the stone is elevated by bucket elevator and carried by screw



Tube mill for production of "Cameline White" is driven by a flat belt drive from a 125 hp., 8 cyl. Diesel engine



Diesel engine installation for operation of the new tube mill shown in the illustration to the left

conveyor for distribution to two New Holland double-deck 3 x 6-ft. screens. Oversize is returned to the bottom rolls and re-circulated. The size rejected varies according to whether a coarse product is desired or fines are needed for a feed to the mills for finer grinding.

The throughs from these screens are passed over two similar double-deck screens, generally with No. 8 mesh cloth on the top decks and No. 20 on the bottom decks. The No. 8 stone, the 8 to 20 stone and the minus 20-mesh stone go directly to bins.

The minus 20 product is taken from its bin and elevated to a Tyler 3 x 5-ft. single-deck screen with No. 65 mesh screen cloth. The No. 20 to No. 65 product passes to a bin, and serves as the feed for the mills for further reduction. The 65-mesh to dust product goes to a bin.

### Diversified Line of Products

Various products made over these screens, their storage capacities and markets are as follows:

Mesh	Capacity	Use
(1) 10-20	35 tons	Water filtration, small chicken grit
(2) 8-20	60 tons	Water filtration, small chicken grit, cast stone roadways
(3) 16-30	8 tons	Canary bird grit
(4) 10-dust (white sand)	12 tons	White sand, block facing, cement work
(5) No. 0	10 tons	Cast stone, medium chicken grit
(6) No. 20 mesh	12 tons	Stucco
(7) 65 mesh flour	20 tons	Agricultural, cast stone, surfacing
(8) 65-20	20 tons	(a) feed for mills (b) cast stone, canary grit, play boxes
(9) 4-8	20 tons	Large chicken grit, cast stone, stucco

These products are regularly manufactured. In addition, by by-passing the

lower roll crushers and setting screen openings accordingly, larger sizes of cal-



An 18-in. x 8-ft. ball mill for the manufacture of lime flour. This mill is driven by a 60-hp. gasoline engine

the ¼ to ½-in. size, marketed for use in raising Narcissus bulbs.

The production of flour began four years ago with installation of a Hardinge 18-in. x 8-ft. ball mill, followed by the manufacture of "Cameline White" two years ago. The capacity for these two products was increased substantially several months ago with installation of a 20 x 5-ft. F. L. Smidth tube mill. The Hardinge mill is driven by a Caterpillar 60-hp. gasoline engine, and the F. L. Smidth tube mill is driven by a flat belt drive from a Caterpillar 125-hp. 6-cyl. Diesel engine. Fuel consumption of the Diesel engine has averaged five gal. per hour. The rest of the plant is electric motor-driven.

The No. 0, 20-65-mesh, 65 minus and 8-20 mesh may be used for feed to either mill for the production of "Cameline White." The smaller sizes feed direct to either the ball mill or tube mill, while the No. 0 and 8 to 20-mesh products are further reduced through a New Holland grinder before entering the mills.

Products of the ball mill and tube mill are flour (minus 65-mesh) and "Cameline White" (99½ percent through the 325-mesh sieve). A Sturtevant 10-ft. air separator is closed-circuited with both mills, either one or both of which may be operated at any time. Flour is made incidental with the manufacture of "Cameline White." When the demand is for "Cameline White," the separator rejects are returned to either mill. If flour is desired, the rejects are passed over a Tyler 4 x 6-ft. single-deck screen, where flour is taken out, and the rejects from the screen return to either mill.

The capacity of the plant for any one product is variable, being dependent on the other sized products manufactured.



Series of three rolls for reduction of calcite to minus ¼-in. As shown, screen rejects return to lower rolls

About seven tons of calcite pass the primary crusher jaws per hour, which is distributed throughout the plant. The output of "Cameline White" varies between 1½ to 2½ tons per hour, according to the product being fed to the

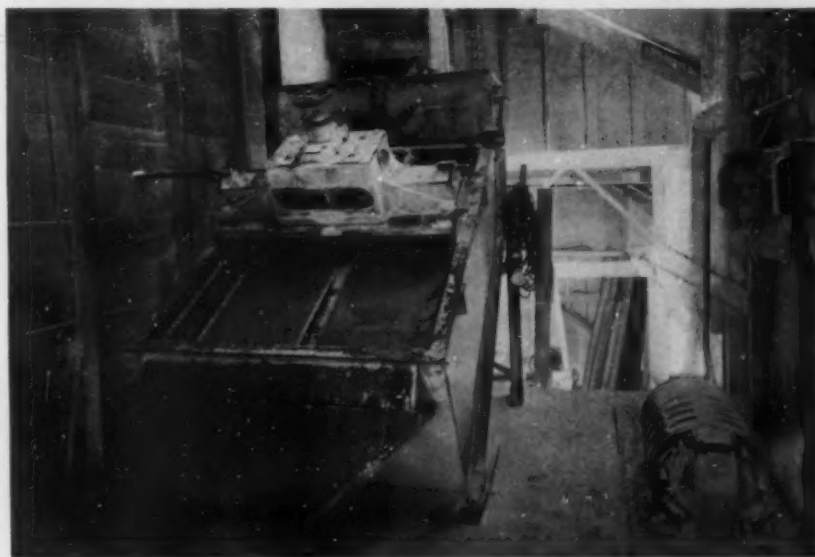


One of 12 locations in the plant where various products are bagged

mills. The average production of flour is 4½ tons per hour.

About 25 men are employed when the plant is operating at full capacity. There are 12 points in the plants where various products may be bagged out. The finer products are packed in 50-lb., 80-lb. and 100-lb. paper bags, while the coarser sizes are packed in 100-lb. burlap bags.

The operations of this calcite plant should prove to be of general interest to the industry, as they demonstrate the possibilities in merchandising a large number of limestone products.



Single-deck screen for separation of the minus 65-mesh product from the No. 20

# SAND and GRAVEL . . .

## Improvements at Ohio Gravel Plant

KINSMAN SAND & GRAVEL CO., Andover, Ohio, which began operations several years ago, has been very active in building up its business and in modernizing its plant. The company recently installed a new stone crusher and gasoline shovel, and operates two washers to condition sand and gravel for use. Wm. Adrian is local manager, Leonard Bull is secretary, and Roy Troyer is truck manager at Aurora, Ohio.

## Sand and Gravel Company In the Ready-Mix Business

MIDDLETOWN SAND AND GRAVEL CO., Middletown, Ohio, now has facilities to furnish ready-mix concrete in addition to sand, gravel, and other building materials. In addition to the builders' supplies, the sand and gravel company has an excavating and dump truck service. A fleet of special trucks are available for any demand of this kind.

## Another Gravel Company for Louisiana

VERNON GRAVEL CO., INC., Rosepine, La., has started operations in its new gravel pit near Rosepine. The new company was organized to take advantage of the recently passed 10-year tax exemption law. Officers of the gravel company are: Monroe Jeane, president;

R. D. Moore, vice president, and Mrs. Bada Jean Stringfield, secretary-treasurer.

## Gold Found In Sand and Gravel Deposit

BELLAMY SAND AND GRAVEL CO., Correctionville, Ia., has found traces of gold in its sand and gravel deposits. However, until some inexpensive way to salvage the gold is discovered, the gravel will be worth considerably more than the metal. The traces of gold in a pure state were found through a panning process.

## Sand-Lime Brick Production and Shipments

THE FOLLOWING DATA are compiled from reports received direct from producers of sand-lime brick located in various parts of the United States. They may be considered representative of the industry.

Eleven active sand-lime brick plants reported for the month of September and ten active plants reported for the month of August, statistics for which were published in September.

## Average Prices for September

Shipping Points	Plant Price	Delivered Price
Detroit, Mich. ....	—	\$16.00
Grand Rapids, Mich. ....	\$11.00	13.00
Watertown, Mass. ....	11.50	12.50
Mishawaka, Ind. ....	9.25	—
Milwaukee, Wis. ....	10.00	12.50
Minneapolis, Minn. ....	10.00	—
Syracuse, N. Y. ....	14.00	16.00 C.L.
.....	16.00	20.00 L.C.L.
Saginaw, Mich. ....	10.90	—
Pontiac, Mich. ....	12.50	15.00

## Statistics for August and September

	Aug.†	Sept.*
Production .....	3,821,985	3,811,975
Shipments (rail) .....	616,200	330,200
Shipments (truck) .....	2,961,590	3,235,349
Stock on hand .....	2,390,000	4,926,971
Unfilled orders .....	3,397,114	2,376,000

† Twelve plants reporting; incomplete, five not reporting unfilled orders.

\* Eleven plants reporting; incomplete four not reporting unfilled orders.

PRODUCERS GRAVEL CO., Webb City, Mo., has filed a petition for reorganization under section 77-B of the national bankruptcy act. Liabilities were listed as \$24,000.89 and assets as \$12,329.41.

W. G. MITCHELL, Tuskegee, Ala., has announced plans for the construction in the near future of a large plant near Tuskegee for processing sand and gravel. Mr. Mitchell is a local railroad executive.



# National Safety Congress In Kansas City

## GETS DOWN TO FACTS AND CASES

### In Industrial Mineral Industries

**S**AFETY TRAINING and the elimination of hazardous practices in industry were emphatically stressed at the meetings of the National Safety Congress set aside for the various industries. Meetings were held the week of October 11 in the new municipal auditorium at Kansas City, Mo., in connection with others designed to promote safety and prevent loss of human life on the highways, on the streets and in the home.

Meetings of particular significance to producers of industrial minerals were those in which the quarry and cement sections met jointly to discuss progress made in recent years in a determined fight to reduce accidents and human suffering, and the steps to be followed in carrying on the gospel of safety.

When chairman Fred B. Hunt of the Cement Section, National Safety Council, called to order the annual meeting of the Cement and Quarry sections, he faced a crowd of several hundred that filled every available space and exceeded all previous records.

#### Officers

In opening the Tuesday afternoon meeting, chairman Hunt proceeded directly to the first item of business, the report of the nominating committee and annual election. The chairman of the nominating committee, R. B. Fortuin (Pennsylvania Dixie Cement Corp.), read the report, placing in nomination the following to serve as officers during 1938: General chairman, F. B. Hunt, Nazareth Cement Co., Nazareth, Penn.; vice chairman, A. B. Sunderland, Ash Grove Lime and Portland Cement Co., Kansas City, Mo.; secretary, A. J. R. Curtis, Portland Cement Association, Chicago, Ill.; news letter editor, Jack Dempster, Canada Cement Co., Montreal, Can.; chairman, membership committee, Col. H. A. Reninger, Lehigh Portland Cement Co., Allentown, Penn.; chairman, engineering committee, Wm. Moeller, Lone Star Cement Corp., Dallas, Tex.; chairman, poster committee, J. B. Kennedy, Huron Portland Cement Co., Detroit, Mich.; chairman, highway committee, M. A. Koffman, Southwest-



D. D. Fennell, president, National Safety Council

ern Portland Cement Co., Los Angeles, Calif.

Members of the executive committee at large include R. B. Fortuin, Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp.; Gordon C. Huth, Universal Atlas Cement Co.; E. Posselt, Lone Star Cement Corp.; J. B. Zook, Great Lakes Portland Cement Corp.; P. N. Bushnell, Missouri Portland Cement Co.

As of general interest to the majority of cement men present, Col. Reninger announced the plans of a special committee of which he is chairman, to fittingly celebrate the completion of 25 years of organized safety work in the cement industry. The plan includes an appropriate observance during the annual meeting of the Portland Cement Association in Chicago and a special program in each individual plant through the country, all at the identical hour, on the day before Thanksgiving.

#### In Review

I. F. LeGore, safety engineer of the Portland Cement Association, followed with an excellent paper carrying his audience back a quarter of a century,

then bringing accident trends in the industry down to happenings of the last few months. Mr. LeGore reviewed briefly the quarter-century of progress in safety since the birth of organized safety work in the portland cement industry in 1912.

The original accident prevention committee of six cement company executives found that in 41 cement companies 19.4% of the men suffered disabling injuries in 1909, 13.3% in 1910 and 15.4% in 1911. Since then safety educational work has been broadened and developed from the first program of engineering revision, provision of physical safeguards, protective clothing and equipment and safety educational work with splendid cooperation and support of the member operating units, said Mr. LeGore.

By 1922, the number of disabling injuries and fatalities was reduced to a point where there were 41.7 for each one million man-hours worked by the industry, as compared to frequency rates of 97.0% for 1909, 67.0% for 1910 and 77.0% for 1911.

In 1923, beginning of another decade of safety accomplishment, the Portland Cement Association's safety trophy was first offered and awarded to a plant in 1924 for its accomplishment of a years' record of no accidents. Since 1922, 118 cement plants have won the trophy and a grand total of 351 plant years have been worked without a single disabling injury.

Mr. LeGore credited much of the success of the safety contests and campaigns to the fact that the individual employe is enlisted in the battle to stop accidents and help win honors for his plant and at some time or other serves as a member of his plant's safety committee.

The second decade of consistent progress in cement safety, from 1923 through 1932, saw the frequency of disabling injuries and fatalities reduced 89% to the all-time low of 4.5 per million man-hours in 1932. For that ten-year period the severity of injuries was reduced to the low mark of 1.8.

Mr. LeGore pointed out that the

four unsettled years from 1932 through 1936 saw an upward trend in frequency and severity of disabling accidents, but with a sharp reversal in the right direction in 1937.

Upon analyzing the 1936 record, it was disclosed that three departments, quarry, raw and burning, working slightly more than a third of the total man-hours operated by the industry, were responsible for fully one-half of all accidents reported and 53% of all actual time lost because of injuries. And 75% of the fatalities for the year occurred in these three departments.

Another startling fact pointed out in individual injury reports for 1936 was that one-fourth of the cement workers who were hurt had not been in the employ of their plants one year before the injury occurred. Only five percent of the total employees in the industry were in this group, pointing out the need for better training and more effective supervision of workers in the industry.

### Accident Trends

Mr. LeGore, in reviewing the trend of accidents in the cement industry for 1937, said that the total number of accidents for the first eight months of this year is 22.5% lower than the figure for the corresponding period in 1936, but with 11 deaths as compared to 12.

The three problem departments, quarry, raw and burning, have contributed 39% of the accidents reported to the Portland Cement Association during the first eight months of 1937 with six of the 11 fatalities occurring in these departments. Credit is given mainly to the raw department which has reported about seven percent of the disabling injuries and fatalities so far this year compared with 12% last year. But more than one-third of all accidents occurring in this department have resulted fatally.

The quarries have experienced 19 percent of all injuries and fatalities reported during the eight months compared with 21% of the 1936 total. Burning departments have been responsible for 13% of all accidents compared with 17% last year.

The greatest increase in percent of total injuries this year over last has been in connection with plant railroads outside the quarry, indicating need for prompt regulation and enforcement of safe working practices among trainmen.

Mr. LeGore's report showed the imperative need for training the new worker to do his work safely. The 1937 record for eight months shows that one-fourth of the cement workers who were hurt had not been in the employ of their plants one year before the injury

occurred, this group making up only one-twentieth of the total employees in the industry.

He emphasized the importance of the development of safe methods of performing operations, which must be done by careful training and teaching, not just telling, and the value of careful follow-up by supervisors to make sure that the worker thoroughly understands his work and what he is and is not to do in connection with it in order to keep safe.

Falls, falling and sliding cement and other objects, hand tools in the hands of the injured, flying or moving cement



Fred B. Hunt

and other objects, electrical equipment and improper piling and handling of objects are the leading causes of disabling injuries in 1937.

Fractures and severe cuts, burns and bruises dominate the injuries tabulation, showing why the severity rate of the cement industry is usually so much higher than its frequency rate and the experience of other industries which report accident experience to the National Safety Council indicate it should be.

### Silicosis

About 1,000,000 persons, or approximately 2% of the workers in the United States, are exposed to the hazards of silicosis, according to R. Campbell Starr, assistant safety engineer of the U. S. Department of Labor, who reported on the work of the National

Silicosis Conference in an address on Wednesday before the quarry and cement section of the National Safety Congress.

"Silicosis is strictly an occupational disease," Mr. Starr declared. "Medical science has not reported silica dust as affecting any individuals except those who, over a relatively long period of time, have worked in an atmosphere where the air they breathed contained excessive concentrations of free silica. The disease causes normal lung tissue to be replaced by fibrous or scar tissue.

"Full realization of the significance of the disease and its occurrence among various industries took place rather suddenly about 1932-33. This realization was manifested by a flood of claims in states providing workmen's compensation for silicosis and similar dust diseases and the large number of common law actions in states not compensating for the disease."

The depression was blamed, in part, for many of the claims, Mr. Starr said. The effect of the silicosis "scare" was heightened by the lack of experience figures and the activities of less ethical lawyers and physicians.

As a result of the "scare," the speaker related, the secretary of labor called a conference in Washington on February 26, 1936, of about 75 men, representing leaders in the industries having a silicosis problem, labor leaders and outstanding representatives of the medical, legal and engineering professions, as well as insurance carriers and state administrators.

Four committees named as an outgrowth of the conference included one on prevention through medical control, one on prevention through engineering control, one on the economic, legal and insurance phases, and one on regulatory and administrative phases of the silicosis problem.

A fifth group, known as the correlating committee, was set up under the chairmanship of W. H. Cameron, managing director of the National Safety Council. First reports of the committees were made to the Secretary of Labor at a second national conference on February 3, 1937, and a summary of the reports was published by the division of labor standards. The complete reports are being edited and will be published soon.

"Silicosis can be prevented in three general ways," Mr. Starr asserted. "First, by preventing the creation of silica dust; second, by preventing the dispersion of dust into the atmosphere of a working area; and third, if it is impossible to apply the first two methods, by the use of personal protective equipment such as respirators, to prevent the inhalation of the dust.

"While the primary approach to the

problem must be the prevention and diminution of the hazard, the fact must be recognized that until silicosis has been wiped out, workers who now have the disease, as well as those who may contract it, must receive workmen's compensation just as do those workers who are injured in accidents."

### Questions and Answers

The closing subject on the Wednesday program was a roundtable discussion directed through the medium of a list of questions carefully prepared by Program Chairman A. B. Sunderland. The questions are of so much interest and value to quarrymen that they are given in full, with a digest of the more important discussion which followed each question.

1. *What regular safe practices should be established to prevent injuries to workers on the quarry face from falling, sliding rock?* (a) Should each driller be required to bar down all loose rock and otherwise prepare his own work field so that he may work in safety, or should there be experienced scalers to do nothing else? Quite a marked difference of opinion was noticeable in the discussion of this question. Many of those who spoke from experience with the larger operations, where it is always possible to employ experienced scalers as well as drillers, preferred to have the scaling done by specialists, although others inclined to the practice of having each driller do his own scaling so that he might know with certainty, that it had been properly attended to. (b) How often should barring down of rock be done? Consensus of opinion was that it should be done as promptly as possible in every case, and never delayed. (c) What equipment is needed for scalers and how should it be used? Scalers should always be equipped with life belts and ropes. (d) Should drillers wear safety belts and rope while drilling? This depends on local circumstances. Under some conditions a rope may impede a man in getting out of the way of rock. (e) Should scalers or drillers work alone, or should they have helpers to handle ropes and watch for first signs of an unsuspected slide so as to warn their partners? Scalers and drillers may work alone on relatively low faces, but it is customary in most places, and safer to have them work in pairs.

2. *What is the best method of protecting workers during "block hole" or "dobie" shooting?* (a) Should a portable shelter be used? If so, what type, and where should it be placed? Portable shelters should always be used. The commonest type is made of old kiln or dryer sections fitted with steel

caps or roofs. Men should be warned not to lean against sides. (b) Where 25 or 30 fuses must be lighted and the powderman securely sheltered before charges fire, is not timed rehearsal essential to determine safest, quickest path between fuses and between fuse lighted last and shelter, as well as use of the timer or warning fuse? Yes, by all means. Some advocated that all secondary shooting be done by electric exploder. In such case current should be brought in on a line used only for this purpose, switches kept locked, and all firing done by the foreman. The electric line should be frequently and carefully tested, particularly to make sure that ample voltage is available. (c) What is proper waiting period before investigating apparent failure of secondary blast? At least one hour should elapse.

3. *What signals and safety rules are essential to the safe operation of quarry railroad?* (a) Who should ride quarry trains? Absolutely no one should be permitted to ride quarry cars at any time. Most plants permit employees to ride in engine cab in line of duty. One company allows no one except the motorman in its Diesel cabs. (b) What about grade-crossing protection? One company reported installing standard railroad flasher signals at all of its road crossings. Others maintain flagmen during working hours.

4. *How should high-voltage portable power cables to electric shovels be handled to prevent shock, and how should they be protected against cuts and bruises?* (a) Who should handle cables, and should they be handled with power on? Insulated poles and hooks should be used, either of wood or of metal and rubber construction. Rubber

gloves and rubber boots are also wise precautions and the latter must always be worn in damp weather. Ordinary cable should be supported on tripods about 6 ft. high with 8-ft. tripods at crossings. Several operators highly recommended the use of armor-grounded cable of a type which has a screen of grounded wire surrounding each conductor. Such cable may be allowed to rest on the ground. (b) What precautions should be taken in using shovel circuit to fire explosives? It is best not to use the shovel circuit for firing. A separate line should be installed for the latter purpose.

5. *How may dynamite sickness be prevented?* Inexperienced men should wear rubber gloves when handling dynamite. It is a good precaution to wrap dynamite in three or four thicknesses of waxed paper.

6. *How may slipping hazards in the quarry be minimized during icy weather?* By using "creepers" on shoes—gunny sacks also may be used.

### "Let's Go into this Accident"

The next feature of the program was the presentation of a safety skit, showing an ideal investigation of an accident which happened a few months ago in one of the mills. The scenario was written by W. W. Deadman, superintendent and J. A. Fairchild, chief chemist of the Lone Star Cement Co. at Bonner Springs, Kan. The following members of Mr. Deadman's staff took part: J. H. Griffith as superintendent, E. R. Willis as safety director, C. E. Smith as general mill foreman, C. Wason as shift foreman and A. W. Ballentine as the injured man.

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Booth of the Macwhyte Co., Kenosha, Wis., exhibiting various types of braided wire rope slings



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# Illinois Mineral Industries Meeting Develops FACTS That HELP BUSINESS

By NATHAN C. ROCKWOOD

**U**NDER the able leadership of Dr. M. M. Leighton, State Geologist of Illinois, each year a widening group of men interested in the development of the mineral industries is brought together to hear about new developments in the state. As editor of *Rock Products* I have been a member of Dr. Leighton's Mineral Industries Committee from its inception, ten or a dozen years ago, and a contributor to its transactions. Each year more and more producers have become enough interested to attend, and once they have attended they usually become converts.

Dr. Leighton has a considerable and a very active research staff; and the primary purpose of these annual meetings appears to be to bring these men into personal contact with the business men of the state who are in the mineral industries, and to give the business men the latest reports on research in these mineral industries. Both parties get inspiration and stimulation through these contacts; Dr. Leighton has promoted something that other state geologists could well copy.

The sessions are divided up into group meetings on (1) coal; (2) oil and gas; (3) clay and clay products; (4) rock and rock products. The recent meeting at Urbana, Ill., October 8 and 9, dealt with rock and rock products as follows:

## **Rock and Rock Products**

With E. J. Krause, president of the Columbia Quarry Co., St. Louis, Mo.,

and president of the Midwest Agricultural Limestone Institute, presiding, the first subject discussed was by another "charter member" of the Mineral Industries Committee, W. R. Sanborn, president of the Lehigh Stone Co., Kankakee, Ill. His subject was "The Production and Possibilities for Limestone Rubble and Ashlar for Construction," a development of his own limestone rubble and ashlar.

## **Rubble Stone**

As in many other limestone localities, quarries in Kankakee and other Illinois towns were opened originally to supply ashlar, or roughly squared building stone. With the intensive road-building era they became, almost without exception, operations to produce crushed stone exclusively. The road building era over, temporarily at least, quarry owners were hard pressed to find an outlet.

Mr. Sanborn's quarry has some strata that yield limestone of pleasing shades of color, and so grained that it is readily split into rectangular sizes 4 in. thick, by the old-fashioned plug-and-feather method. These blocks are sold for building purposes—homes and public buildings—in competition with brick and Indiana limestone, to owners and architects who appreciate the individuality possible with such a material.

Mr. Sanborn's success has been largely due to adapting his product to modern needs for veneer finishes, instead of solid wall construction for

which stone masonry was once much used. He also employed a sales specialist to promote it. He told his audience that this end of his business was not profitable yet, but that it had possibilities.

## **Stone Research**

J. E. Lamar, geologist and head of the non-fuels division of the Illinois Geological Survey, reported on "current researches on Illinois stone and their relation to developments in the stone industry." Dr. Lamar began by explaining the relation of the survey to this research work—its justification—which he showed was for the benefit of the consumer in seeking better and cheaper materials, and for the benefit of the producer in the maintenance and development of his markets. Naturally, of course, the state must do broad scale research rather than that type of research which benefits but one or a few operators.

That broad scale research includes cataloging the stone resources of the state. Thousands of samples have been taken from all exposures in the state and a tremendous amount of detailed information is being accumulated and digested and summarized, so that different horizons (outcrops of the same geological era) may be recognized and properties of the stone predicted. Many deposits, such as the dolomites in the Chicago area, which have been assumed to be of fairly uniform composition and qualities, have thus been found in



Left: Quarrying rubble stone by the "plug and feather" method at the plant of the Lehigh Stone Co. Center: Fine example of architecture using a rubble stone veneer finish. Right: Cutting the rubble veneer



four or five differing varieties. This information was developed in a search for weather-resisting dolomites suitable for use in Chicago sewage filters.

Incidentally, this research has involved the relation of soundness tests by the sodium sulphate and freezing and thawing methods to actual weather resistance. Incidentally too, this research, identified as it is with a broad scale geological research program, yields data from which conclusions may be drawn as to why some dolomites are weather-resistant or sound, and others not. Similarly, the way is opened for the accumulation of a vast fund of useful information, which producers can learn to use to good advantage.

Dr. Lamar also touched briefly on the possibilities of developing more knowledge of the nature and properties of the silicate melts— $\text{CaO-SiO}_2\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-MgO}$ . These, in various combinations, make glasses, of which rock wool is one. By varying the proportions of the ingredients and the heat and pressure in melting, it is obvious that glasses with various properties can be produced.

#### Agricultural Limestone

Dr. E. E. De Turk, professor of soil fertility, University of Illinois, described "progress in the knowledge of Illinois soils and its relation to their need for agstone," in an interesting and unusual way. Explaining the fundamentals which underlie the efficient use of limestone in agriculture, he said the soils of Illinois are glacial debris, originally calcareous, but their lime content has been and is being leached out. These soils remain neutral or slightly alkaline because of their clay content, clay having what is called a base exchange relationship or the property of absorbing other minerals. In other words, the minute lime particles will stay attached to the clay until displaced by an acid particle. Such acids are introduced into the soil by rainwater. With weathering, soils lose their fine clay content and hence their base exchange capacity. This means that the lime requirements vary greatly even within the bounds of a 40-acre field—from a requirement of zero to 3 or 4 tons per acre—to make these soils neutral, or alkaline.

Dr. De Turk then discussed the time element in changing the soil from acid to neutral, showing how this is affected by the size of the limestone particle or the fineness of grinding. The neutralizing effect of a particle of limestone in an acid soil does not extend beyond  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., and it takes three or four years of favorable conditions for this reaction, so that the finer the size, the

more surface of limestone exposed to soil action. For example, there are 64,000 of 100-mesh size in a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. cube; it would take 100 such cubes to provide approximately the same neutralizing effect as one cube reduced to 100-mesh material. On such a basis the agricultural value of various limestones are rated on Tyler screen gradations as follows:

	100-mesh	material	X	1.15
48-100-	"	"	X	1.05
28-48-	"	"	X	1.00
14-28-	"	"	X	.95
8-14-	"	"	X	.80
4-8-	"	"	X	.33
over 4-	"	"	X	.00

The average rating of Illinois agricultural limestones on this basis has increased from 75 to 84 in the last few years. In other words there is a tendency to market finer ground materials.

Since dolomite is less soluble than high calcium limestone it is necessary that it be finer ground. In the finer sizes, Dr. De Turk said there was little difference in results between the two. How fine to grind is purely a matter of farm economy, he said, for he insists the farmers must have a low priced product.

As to the available market, Dr. De Turk said 15 million acres in Illinois need an average of 2 tons per acre right now. About 1,000,000 tons is being used annually, and this is not enough to keep up with the loss of calcium annually.

#### Road Gravel and Stone

Ernst Lieberman, chief highway engineer, Illinois State Highway Department, submitted a paper, read by E. J. Fleming, of his department, on "current developments in stabilized gravel and crushed stone roads." This type of highway improvement has become important in Illinois and other farm states where many miles of road off the main lines need surfacing. Mr. Lieberman presented a chart which showed the limits of gradation of aggregates, based on state highway engineers' experience. The object of all such mixtures or blends is to achieve maximum density in the cheapest way. Some 10 to 12 percent of the right kind of clay is the most important ingredient. Both calcium chloride and sodium chloride (common salt) are used to retain moisture in the mixture, the moisture supplying the actual binding medium. Crushed stone dust has been used satisfactorily in place of clay.

Mr. Lieberman said that his experience with this type of road was satisfactory and that it had a place in the

highway program. He thought there was lots of opportunity to improve technique both on the mixed-in-place job and the plant-mixed job. The chief and only virtue of this type of road being its cheapness, it was evident that such improvements in technique must not raise the cost. He recommended the Pioneer Gravel Equipment Co.'s portable plant as the most satisfactory yet discovered for mixing the aggregates.

The amount of aggregates required were given as follows: 2370 cu. yd. per mile for a 20-ft. wide surface; 2151 cu. yd. for a 18-ft. surface. Mr. Lieberman said the state was surfacing 500 to 600 miles a year with this type of material.

The second day's sessions included clay and clay products along with rock and rock products and dealt largely with methods of exploration, investigation and research. The chairman was S. A. Phillips, editor of *Pit and Quarry*.

#### Little Known Resources

J. E. Lamar, Illinois Geological Survey, read a paper on the unexploited or little known minerals of the state, mentioning small deposits of green sand, a potash-carrying mineral, found in connection with the St. Peter sandstones of the Ottawa district, and the large beds of peat in the northern counties of the state. He told of the characteristics of the Ottawa sands and their special uses. He also described slate and brine resources, which are not considerable and are not yet commercially developed.

He mentioned one rock which few know exists in Illinois—gypsum. There are beds of it in the southwestern part of the state, known from well-drill records, but most of them are too far below the surface to be of commercial significance at this time.

Some of the Illinois limestones carry resins or bitumens that it may be feasible to recover at some future time. There are also some sandstones nearly approaching quartz, and many colored sands and clays that may have some commercial significance because of their color.

#### Geophysical Prospecting

H. A. Buehler, state geologist of Missouri, very interestingly described the use of geophysical apparatus for locating magnetite and other mineral ore bodies by systematic subsurface surveys. The methods are now well-known, having been used even in the sand and gravel industry, as described in *Rock Products* and elsewhere. Dr. Buehler's contribution was of particular interest and value to geologists in showing how geophysical apparatus can

greatly extend the knowledge of sub-surface conditions, hitherto known only from surface outcrops, mines and wells.

### Magnetic Separators

J. J. Ferris, chief engineer, Dings Magnetic Separator Co., Milwaukee, Wis., described actual and possible applications of magnetic separators to some of the problems of separating and purifying common minerals. Great progress is being made in this field in both magnetic and electrostatic devices, and all who have problems of that nature in the rock products industry should learn all they can of the work being done.

Mr. Ferris sketched the development of magnetic separators from their early use to remove tramp iron, etc., to the freeing of silica sand and fluorspar from all iron compounds that are susceptible of magnetic attraction. The invention and improvement of the high intensity magnetic separator has greatly extended the possibilities of minerals separation, but the costs are still too high for wide application to most rock products.

### Bleaching Minerals

Color is a detriment in the commercial use of some minerals, just as it is an advantage in others. Dr. J. S. Machin, chemist, geochemical section, Illinois State Geological Survey, described possibilities of bleaching out the color of some of these non-carbonate minerals. The five methods described were (1) burning them out at high temperatures; (2) leaching with acids alone—usually sulphuric and hydrochloric acids—; (3) leaching with acids in the presence of reducing agents; (4) electrical methods; (5) magnetic separation. He has proved that undesirable impurities can be leached out with acids, but the process is not yet commercial. Silica, for example, can be purified in this way, but as yet it is not economically feasible.

### Conclusions

The report given is rather sketchy because it was not considered necessary to go into detail about processes and theories which have yet to be applied commercially in the rock products industry. However, every producer should aim to keep abreast of the nature of the work done by the Illinois Geological Survey and of their own state surveys and experiment stations. Frequently operators will thus get some clew to a long unsolved and bothersome problem.

GRAY CONCRETE Co., Hagerstown, Md., reported a loss of \$25,000 when a fire damaged its Bridgeport plant.

## Safety Congress

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"Let's Go Into This Accident" proved so highly instructive and intensely interesting that it was recommended at once for use at safety mass meetings in all of the mills.

### The Value of Safety Training

F. M. Pepper, general plant employment supervisor of the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. presented a very complete paper entitled: "Is Training a Vital Factor in Effective Safety Work?" Mr. Pepper showed the inevitable necessity for supervisor and vocational training if safety work is to become fully effective and described the care with which his company had researched the subject and is proceeding to provide training.

### Promoting Safety in the Aggregates Industries

In the Thursday afternoon joint meeting, H. A. Koop, Lyman-Richey Sand and Gravel Corp., Omaha, Nebr., spoke on "Methods Used to Win the National Safety Award." This concern, operating 22 scattered plants in Nebraska, at one time had such a high accident frequency rate, that insurance companies refused to continue insurance.

Each plant was supposed to establish its own safety rules and conduct its own campaign, originally, but when records revealed the discouraging figures of 79 lost-time accidents in 163,275 man-hours of exposure another plan was adopted.

First of all, a veteran employee was appointed full time safety director. Employees were required to pass physical examinations, every possible accident hazard in and around machinery and equipment was removed; meetings of foremen were held to discuss safety conditions and plan the campaign; trophies and cash bonuses were awarded to foremen whose plants had the best safety record; first aid kits were provided and bulletin boards and posters were used to further educate workmen in safety habits.

"Slowly but surely," Mr. Koop said, "we are making progress toward our goal of a no-lost-time-accident record for all our plants. Considering the decreasing number of accidents reported with the increasing efficiency in operations, we come to but one conclusion: Safety does pay."

Speaking on the same subject, A. W. Heitman, assistant general superintendent, Inland Lime and Stone Co., Manistique, Mich., a plant producing several million tons of stone annually and employing upwards of 300 men, emphasized the importance of thorough

safety education. Bi-weekly meetings are held for all employees, when safe practices are demonstrated and a safety engineer makes regular inspections at this plant.

A continuous health record is kept for each employee and annual physical examinations have been employed to raise the health standards. The accident record was far from satisfactory at this plant until a definite procedure was adopted.

Sixteen lost-time accidents with an exposure of 350,680 man-hours was the plant record in 1931. In 1933, with an improved accident prevention program, the plant operated without lost time accidents and for that year and 1934 received the safety award given by *Explosives Engineer*.

### Posters

Earl Spitzer, safety engineer, Columbia Steel Co., Pittsburgh, Calif., instructed those in attendance to make "Stickmen Axigraphs" to be posted on bulletin boards, illustrating how an accident occurs. Mr. Spitzer's sketches quite simply illustrate what happened before, at the time and after a particular accident, and have been used successfully by his company.

At the election of officers of the Quarry Section, it was decided that the 1937 officers be authorized to continue pending consideration of a plan to merge the Quarry and Cement Sections.

Officers of the quarry section are as follows: General chairman, Alexander Foster, Jr., Warner Co., Philadelphia, Penn.; vice-chairman, Russell Rarey, The Merble Cliff Quarries Co., Columbus, Ohio; secretary and news letter editor, N. B. Sipe, J. E. Baker Co., York, Penn.; chairman, poster committee, H. F. Yotter, General Crushed Stone Co., Easton, Penn.; chairman, publicity committee, J. R. Boyd, National Crushed Stone Association, Washington, D. C.; chairman, statistics committee, W. W. Adams, U. S. Bureau of Mines, Washington, D. C.

V. P. Ahearn, National Sand and Gravel Association, Washington, D. C.; William H. Baker, J. E. Baker Co., York, Penn.; O. M. Graves, General Crushed Stone Co., Easton, Penn.; Walter Stauffer, National Lime Association, Washington, D. C.; and A. L. Worthen, New Haven Trap Rock Co., New Haven, Conn., are members at large of the executive committee.

The exposition included practically every imaginable device that could be used to promote safe working conditions. Among the exhibits were many displaying dust collection devices and respirators, safety shoes and clothing, safety machines and tools, cable slings, etc.

# Chemists' Corner

## Some Interesting Investigations Into the ROLE OF SILICA IN PORTLAND CEMENT

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**S**INCE WE KNOW THAT "silica in a portland cement forms with lime the essential cementing compounds" an abundant work about cement hinges on silica. In spite of all that, the results still are not complete.

This is the general condition in silicate chemistry, and the cement industry shares in this respect the fate of the industry of glass and ceramics.

Reasons for imperfections of research are due to the specific chemical, and physical properties of silica and silicates. Each investigation is connected with extraordinary difficulties. The silicates, as a rule, can not be dissolved, without being decomposed. Synthesis of the silica compounds requires very high temperature, the complex nature of the silica compounds and their high melting point, combined with high viscosity, making the reactions very slow. The low rapidity of reaction results in the fact that only in rare cases can a constant equilibrium be reached. Anomalies of glass are well known. W. Eitel in his "Physical Chemistry of the Silicates" cites many examples of such anomalies. The difference in the qualities of a glass is sometimes independent of its chemical composition, and glasses of the same chemical composition show different properties, subject to the configuration of the established equilibrium.

The mentioned difficulties of investigation explain why chemists who were not directly connected with the silicate industry generally evinced little disposition to work out the experimentally complicated subject. Still, in several countries special institutes for research of silicates were created. In Germany, The Kaiser Wilhelm Society for Furtherance of Science established the well known Institute for Silica Research. The systematic and famous investigations of The Geophysical Laboratory of Carnegie Institution of Washington

created foundations for a better understanding of the reaction between silica and metallic oxides into state of fusion.

Silica is a dioxide of Silicon. We know that besides Silicon of an atomic weight of 28, there exist two isotrops  $Si_{29}$  and  $Si_{30}$ . The investigation of R. S. Mulliken and F. W. Aston<sup>2</sup> showed that the element Silicon is composed chiefly of  $Si_{28}$ . The two other isotrops accompany it in very little quantities. Research of F. M. Jaeger and D. W. Dykstra<sup>3</sup>, who separated Si from a great number of different silica minerals of sedimentary, volcanic, and metamorphic origin, proved that the proportions of the isotrops in terrestrial as well as in the meteoric Silicon are equal. Therefore, we can surely admit that all the silica compounds are composed of one kind of  $SiO_2$ .

### Silica Hydrogel and Cement Hardening

Since J. M. Van Bemmelen published his investigations, we know that silica forms with water, colloidal gel, composed of  $SiO_2 + H_2O$  in variable proportions. Van Bemmelen<sup>4</sup> found that the constitution of silica hydrogel precipitated from the colloidal solution depends on the concentration of the solution. Thus, the solution of 7 percent of silica in water gives a hydrogel composed of one mol.  $SiO_2$  and 35 mol. of  $H_2O$ ; a 1 percent solution gives a hydrogel consisting of one mol.  $SiO_2$  and 331 mol.  $H_2O$ . It is admitted that silica and water form the silicic acid, but it is not exactly known whether a silicic acid of a definite composition exists. Nevertheless, we consider the compounds of silica and bases as salts of a silicic acid of a composition as  $(H_2SiO_3)_x$ , or  $(H_4SiO_4)_x$ . Some of the investigators, like Dr. L. Forsen, deduce the silicate of calcium from the hypothetical silicic acid:  $H_6SiO_5$ . Whether

silica forms with water an acid of a definite composition, or not, it is known that they form hydrogel. As W. Michaelis, Jr.<sup>5</sup> proved, these hydrogels after being dried by means of water absorbent agents, and then compressed into a cake, show a remarkable resistance. Tested for compressive strength, silica hydrates gave resistances which fluctuate between 1097 and 11687 lb. per sq. in., depending on the amount of water remaining imbibed in the hydrogel. It is the chemically precipitated silica which swells and gives colloidal hydrogel. Quartz and ignited silica hydrogel are inert and can not be converted into gel. W. Michaelis Sr.'s statement that quartz, being reduced by prolonged grinding to an impalpable powder, becomes active and forms colloidal gel could not be confirmed. However, we find in the literature<sup>6</sup> that dried silica hydrate, tridimit and some of the silicates containing active silica, being ground to infinitesimal powder and then treated with a solution of 166 mg. of  $Ca(OH)_2$  in 1 liter of water show a tendency to swell. The greatest swelling was found by trass and pumice.

Characteristics of silica to swell induced W. Michaelis, Sr. to advance his gel theory to explain the setting and hardening process of cement. It was a daring enterprise to find a prototype of the hardening of cement in the solidification of gelatine. Consequently his opinion met severe criticism. At that time all cement experts were partisans of the Le Chatelier<sup>1</sup> crystallization theory of hardening. But, in spite of this criticism and of the established defects of Michaelis' theory, his conception in somewhat modified form has many adherents. The greater number of investigators consider the process of setting and hardening as a result of crystal and colloid formations. De facto, it is im-



possible to draw a definite conclusion from the hundreds of investigations. The divergence of opinions is so great that one has to assume that the behavior of different brands of portland cement is different, depending upon the properties and nature of compounds. The already mentioned difficulties regarding the investigation of the silicates are working against the physico-chemical methods of research, and, as W. Eitel, Director of The Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Silicate Research, pointed out, "especially, the processes of crystallization and hydration are easily deformed by a non-equilibrium." Whether the crystal, or the colloid formations, or the combination of both determines the mechanism of hardening of cement, this process is due to the hydration of silica compounds. The other ingredients of portland cement are playing a secondary role, promoting, or accelerating the mechanism of setting.

### Silica Is Dominant Factor

Among the four principal oxides which form the skeleton of the heterogeneous system of cement clinker, the dioxide of silicon is the most important one. The writer's experience convinced him that the right proportion of silica in the raw mixture presents the most dominant factor in producing portland cement of "the highest quality in all its properties." Under the conditions of the commercial production of cement one can not generalize the correct proportion of silica, but the amount of it, can be and must be exactly fixed for each individual case. While the amount of CaO in the raw mix, in the majority of cases, can vary in relatively large ranges, without affecting the properties of cement, especially its strength; a little alteration in the proportion of silica changes considerably the properties of cement. This opinion based on writer's experience, may appear for many as an opinion with insufficient basis. Unfortunately, he can not publish all the facts from his industrial practice, but one example can be given.

A raw meal of a certain composition, estimated as the most suitable one for the given raw materials, was burned in a laboratory kiln and a well sintered clinker was obtained. The chemical analysis gave results as follows:

CaO: 65.26%, MgO: 1.31%  $Al_2O_3$ : 6.00%,  $Fe_2O_3$ : 3.05%, Alkalies: 0.78,  $SiO_2$ : 21.92%, Ignit. loss: 0.47%, Insoluble: none, Free CaO: none,  $SO_3$ : 0.21%.

The clinker after being ground with 3 percent of gypsum to a fineness of 1 percent residue on the sieve of 5000 meshes per square centimeter was tested for tensile strength. The briquettes were prepared according to

British Standard Specification of a mortar of one part of cement and three parts of British Standard sand and 8 percent of mixing water. The results after 1, 3, and 28 days (an average of 6) were: 360, 504, and 642 lb. per sq. in.

From the same raw meal, eight samples were prepared: No. 1-4 by intimate mixing with 0.2, 0.4, 0.8 and 1.2 percent of chemically precipitated, ignited and powdered  $SiO_2$ , and No. 5-8 by adding in the same way of 0.4, 0.8, 1.6 and 2.4 percent of pure CaO which was slaked, before being intimately mixed. The samples were burned under the same conditions as the normal raw meal, the clinker produced was ground with 3 percent of gypsum to the above mentioned fineness and tested for tensile strength as above. The average results were as follows:

	Lb. per sq. in.							
	No.: 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 day	364	304	245	171	375	401	375	370
3 days	498	422	382	286	510	500	508	451
28 days	607	531	472	400	600	587	610	485

Results show that an increase of 0.4 percent of silica in the raw meal decreased considerably the strength of clinker, while an increase of 1.6 percent of lime did not affect its strength.

The increase of lime content resulted in producing a more porous clinker; samples No. 7 and 8 showed the presence of 0.55 percent, and 1.3 percent, respectively of "free lime," a more quick setting time, and an increase of the heat of hydration. But with the exception of sample No. 8, the cements with increased lime content did comply with the requirements in regard to a high grade portland cement. The increase of silica content in the raw meal of 0.2 percent (sample No. 1) resulted in producing of a more vitreous clinker, the other properties remained nearly unchanged. The chemical analysis, apart from alteration in content of oxides, corresponding to the change in the composition of raw meal, showed nothing particular. Other samples of augmented content of silica resulted in a partly discolored clinker tending to "crumble," whereby the inclination to crumble grew parallel to the increasing amount of silica. The process of setting became irregular, with interruptions, retarding the final setting. Sample No. 2 showed the presence of 0.4 percent of insoluble, sample No. 3, 0.85 percent; and sample No. 4, 2 percent of insoluble and 0.7 percent of "free lime."

From the above mentioned facts we see that a correctly prepared raw meal could digest an additional amount of 1.6 percent CaO without an unfavorable effect in regard to the strength of the clinker produced, while the addi-

tion of only 0.4 percent of  $SiO_2$  reduced considerably the strengths and changed significantly the other properties of the clinker produced. Considering the carefulness in respect to mixing, adjusting, briquetting and burning, which took place during this experiment, we must assume that an alteration of less than 0.4 percent under the conditions of commercial production, can bring forth the most undesirable results.

Other tests regarding the strengths, namely, tests for bending and crushing, executed on prisms made of plastic mortar (1:3, with 10.5 percent of mixing water) showed a picture similar to the tests for tensile strength.

### High "Silicate Modulus" Desirable

The cement manufacturer considers the four principal oxides which form the major compounds of clinker in terms

of ratios. The so-called "lime ratio" or "hydraulic modulus" gives the actual basicity of the cement and its limits are fixed in the standard specifications of different countries. The standard specification of this country does not include this term. Nevertheless we are accustomed to use it. Modern cement chemistry substitutes it by a more definite term, so-called "lime saturation point." Regarding the proportion of silica in portland cement, we have no similar regulations. The industrial technique, however, advanced some practical rules. Raw meal of a high content of silica is difficult to burn and the cements produced have a slow set and slow hardening, but are more resistant to aggressive solutions. The relationship between the amount of silica and the sum of alumina and iron oxides also plays an important role. It was Prof. H. Kuehl who introduced this factor, under the name of "silicate modulus." According to Kuehl the highest strengths will be obtained from cement of a very high silicate modulus, ranging from 3 to 4, or of a very low one. The practice and the examination of a great number of high strength cements show rather a middle silicate modulus. This is easy to understand considering how hard it is to sinter a raw mix of a silicate modulus equal to 3 or 4, and how annoying it is to burn a raw meal of a low silicate modulus inclined to cake and to form rings in the kilns.

It has been shown that even a little addition of silica to the raw materials changes considerably the properties of clinker. The addition of silica to the clinker can in many cases influence the

qualities of the obtained mixed cements. Of course, the amount of silica added should be larger and the silica must occur in so called "soluble" (reactive) form. The addition by means of intimate mixing, or intergrinding of soluble silica-containing materials, such as trass, spent shale, diatomaceous earth, etc., in proportions more than 10 percent should improve the strength and hardening properties of cement. The use of such blended cements, known under the name of "pozzolanic," is relatively small in Europe\*, still less in this country. In recent years it has become more extended, especially for hydraulic constructions and mass construction work, instead of "low heat cement." For example, Sweden, since 1934 has produced on a commercial basis a low heat pozzolanic portland cement. In this country pozzolanic cements were used for a part of the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. It was also used for Bonneville Dam on Columbia River. In Japan it is used more extensively, the Japanese scientists having made extended investigations of its properties.

#### Pozzolanic Cement Investigations

Interesting results of investigation of pozzolanic cements were presented by Shoichoro Nagai<sup>9</sup> and others to the Institute of Silica Research, Tokio Imperial University in September, 1935. Cement clinker was mixed with natural siliceous earth, or with spent shale in the proportions of 60:40, or 50:50. The tests of various samples showed: (1) Strengths of mixed portland cements cured for 56 weeks in water are nearly equal to, or a little greater than, those of portland cement cured under the same conditions. (2) The rates of expansion, or contraction are nearly the same with mixed cements as with portland cement. (3) Mixed cements are incomparably more resistant to alkali sulfate solutions; regarding the resistance to 10 percent solution of  $MgSO_4$  in water, the mixed, as well as the unmixed cements showed a poor behavior. In magnesium chloride solution the specimens made of portland cement mortar showed a better resistance than those made of mixed cements; a quite unexpected result. In a sodium chloride solution, the compressive strengths of mixed and straight portland cements are nearly equal.

There is some divergence of opinion about the pozzolanic cements, but in

general, the following statement made by P. H. Bates<sup>10</sup> characterizes the conditions: "the pozzolanic cements have the outstanding properties of low early strength, but very steady gain in strength, and an excellent resistance to aggressive waters after they have acquired a certain part of their ultimate strength." In a paper presented by Raymond E. Davis to the 30th Annual Convention, American Concrete Institute, 1934, are given the results of systematic investigations of pozzolanic cements made by the Engineering Materials Laboratory of the University of California. The results show that the addition of pumicite to a cement of a "normal lime content" (55 percent  $C_3S$ ) reduces its early strength in greater proportion than the ratio of added pumicite. Thus the replacement of cement content by mixing (not intergrinding) with 20 percent of pumicite, decreased the compressive strength of mortar; after three days, 44 percent; and after 28 days, 35 percent. Another experiment, when pumicite was interground in proportions of 20 and 30 percent, respectively, the compressive strength of standard mortar showed after seven days a decrease of about 33 percent in both cases; namely, 3680 lb. per sq. in. for the mortar made of straight cement, and 2370, and 2350 lb. per sq. in. respectively for the blended cements.<sup>11</sup> After one year the strength becomes "substantially equal," but a "long period of moist curing is necessary to develop the potential strength of a pumicite portland cement." Further, it was found that "the heat of hydration of a pumicite portland cement is less than for corresponding straight portland cement."

Explaining the action of pozzolanic materials on portland cement the paper states: "It is generally agreed that during the hydration of portland cement, free lime is formed as calcium hydroxide, which is soluble, and the majority of authorities agree that properly constituted siliceous material combines with the free lime released in the process of hydration, forming an insoluble cementing material."<sup>12</sup> The writer does not quite agree with this conception. Usually, pozzolanas react very slowly with hydrated lime at ordinary temperature. Many investigators admit, and we share this opinion, that during this reaction calcium hydrosilicates are formed. These compounds, however, are not stable. They are decomposed with the formation of gelatinous silica and calcium hydroxide. The cementing properties of pozzolanas-hydrated lime mixtures are due to the formation of this silica gel. Even, if we admit that the active or activated silica of pozzolanas react with the re-

leased calcium hydroxide of cement, the compounds formed are not stable and liberate again the immediately bound calcium hydrate. Therefore, it is most improbable that the soluble calcium hydroxide of cement can be transformed into an insoluble compound. It is, however, most probable that the formation of additional colloidal silica from the immediately formed, and then decomposed, calcium hydrosilicates augments the durability of pozzolanic cements in aggressive solutions. This would be in accordance with the established fact that cements of a high content of silica are more resistant to corrosive solutions. The particularly heavy decrease of early strength of pozzolanic cements, which does not correspond to the proportion of the admixed material, could be explained by the fact that the immediately formed silica-calcium compounds violate the process of hardening. At long ages, during a long period of moist curing, these unstable compounds are decomposed and the disturbed process of hardening is restored.

Recently, at the International Congress of The International Association for Testing Materials, London, 1937, F. M. Lea<sup>13</sup> stated that "although lime mortar tests are of value when considering lime pozzolana mixes, they do not afford a satisfactory indication of the value of pozzolana for the use in mixtures with portland cement." This confirms the writer's experience that siliceous earth, containing a large amount of soluble silica, in some cases, did not improve, when added to cement clinker, its resistance to aggressive waters. On the other hand, the writer's experiments with blending of cement with sand, containing 98 percent of inert silica, gave quite satisfactory results regarding the behavior in solutions of 1 percent sodium sulfate in water.

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# LIME PRODUCERS' FORUM

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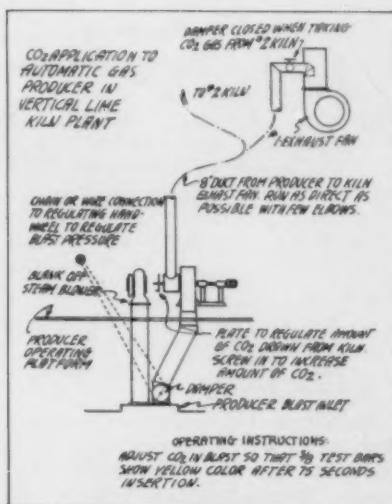
## What Method of Blowing Gas Producers Will Be Used?

### CO<sub>2</sub>—Air or Steam—Air

**P**ROGRESS IN THE LIME INDUSTRY is slow but there are now many indications that definite advances are being made. Given another 10 or 20 years, lime plants will not be recognized as resembling those of today. This progress will be an improvement of many component items, some appearing of minor nature, but nevertheless important links.

One of these items in plants using producer gas is to determine whether a steam-air or CO<sub>2</sub>—air mixture should be used for blowing producers. The writer recommended the use of CO<sub>2</sub> from the kilns in *Rock Products*, May 16, 1925 issue, and at that time and several times since has dealt with the matter in both its theoretical and practical aspects. It should hardly be necessary to cover the same ground again, but the fact remains that in plants where CO<sub>2</sub> was substituted for steam there was a considerable saving.

Plants that do not operate boilers to generate steam for producers, some of them not even having boilers, are: Moosehorn Lime Co., Manitoba; G. & W. H. Corson, Plymouth Meeting, Penn.;



Vertical lime kiln installation showing how CO<sub>2</sub>—air system is arranged for gas producer

Kelley Island Lime & Transport Co., Buffalo, N. Y.; North American Cement Corp., Berkeley, W. Va.; and American

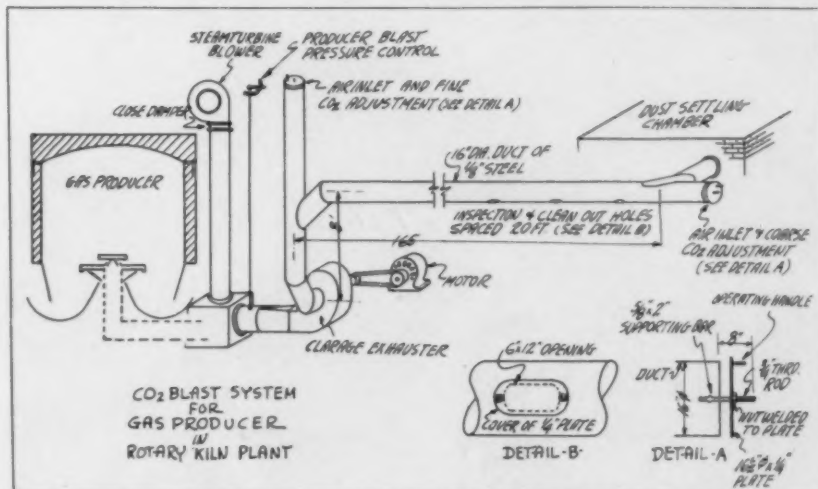
Lime & Stone Co., Bellefonte, Penn. At least two others are now converting their plants to use this more desirable system; namely, the St. Genevieve Lime & Quarry Co., St. Genevieve, Mo., and Peerless White Lime Co., St. Genevieve, Mo. In one of these plants the cost of operating the boiler is \$10,000 per year. In the other, the boiler, which also is needed for power, carries an additional load of 100 hp. on account of the producer. Kelley Island Lime & Transport Co., plant, Buffalo, N. Y., supplanted waste heat boilers with the CO<sub>2</sub> system, and thus greatly simplified plant operation. National Carbide Co. plant, built in 1929, never had a boiler, neither does the Corson plant.

#### Methods of Analyzing the Blast

In some cases, trouble is experienced in the initial operations of CO<sub>2</sub>—air systems as they are inclined to give too much CO<sub>2</sub>, cooling the hot zone too much, or they do not provide enough CO<sub>2</sub>, causing formation of clinkers. With more experience, however, these troubles disappear. In certain plants the fireman analyzes the blast and maintains the CO<sub>2</sub> at a three percent level; in others they do not even bother with this test but judge whether there is sufficient CO<sub>2</sub> by the appearance of the 3/8-in. test bars, which are left in the bed for exactly 75 seconds.

In the illustrations are shown two typical installations, one being in a rotary and the other in a vertical kiln plant.

Matters are rapidly shaping themselves so that in the future, aside from the mixed feed kilns, there will be only two types of lime plants: the rotary kiln, either fired with gas or pulverized fuel; and the vertical kiln, fired with natural gas or producer gas. Many of the hand-fired kilns will disappear in five years, and there will be virtually none left ten years from now. In view of this situation, more gas producers in lime plants will be seen in the immediate future.



Installation details of CO<sub>2</sub> blast system for gas producer in a rotary kiln plant

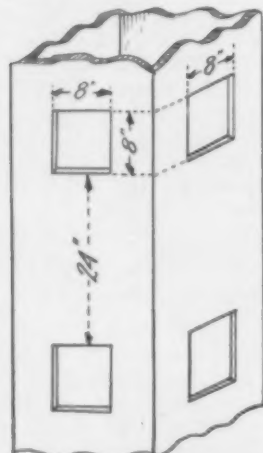


# HINTS AND HELPS FOR SUPERINTENDENTS

## Eliminate Segregation In Bins

By E. M. GOULD,  
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ONE EFFECTIVE WAY to eliminate bin segregation of material is to make a square chute of four sides and leave an 8-in. square opening on all four sides every two feet, measured from the top of one opening to the bottom of the other opening. The length of the chute is the vertical distance between the bottom of the bin and the spout or conveyor discharging into the bin. The area of the chute should be sufficiently ample to carry the tonnage discharged into bin.



Section of chute designed to eliminate bin segregation

This chute is installed vertically from the bottom of the bin to the discharge spout. When the bin is empty the material will slide out of the bottom opening, and as the bin fills the material will slide out of the next upper opening. As the material will have a maximum two foot fall as it leaves the chute, the material gently slides out in a mass and eliminates any chance of segregation.

## Apron or Spreader

AT A SAND AND GRAVEL PLANT in southern Wisconsin the dredge pipe discharges to an open hopper, from which the material is carried up to the plant by bucket elevators. The apron above the hopper receives the full force of the dredge discharge, and wear on it is considerable. An apron made of scrap

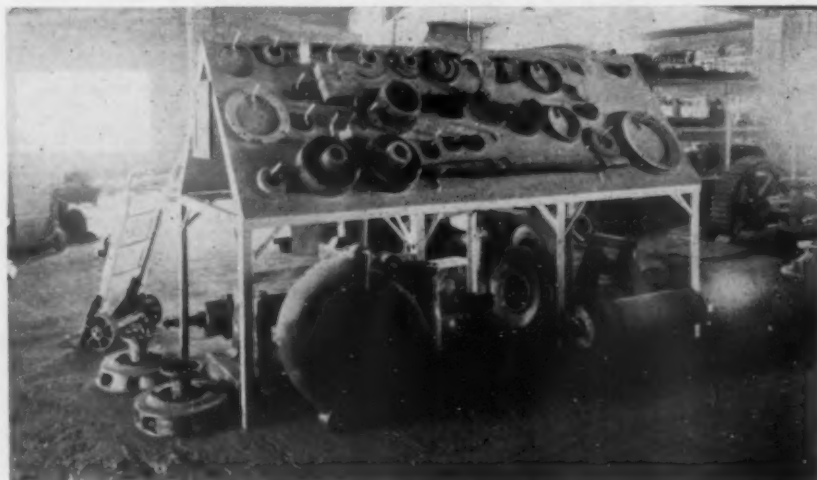


Improvised apron to resist wear from dredge pipeline discharge

railroad rail, laid as closely together as possible, and completely imbedded in concrete is used. The rails are laid crossways of the apron, and so receive most of the force of the discharge, but even so, the wear on the concrete between the rails is easily discernible. However, the apron has proved entirely satisfactory as the wear on the rails is negligible.

## Keeps Complete Parts Assembly

DEWEY PORTLAND CEMENT CO. is adopting a parts system in its new warehouse at the Davenport, Iowa, plant whereby a duplicate set of all parts for major equipment, even down to the bolts and washers, will be on hand at all times. In the event of a break-down or difficulty in securing parts in a hurry, due to strikes or other delaying influences in the plants furnishing the machinery, extra parts will



Spare parts for complete assembly of slurry pump

be on hand. Every part for each machine is numbered and catalogued and has a definite location on a rack in the warehouse. As soon as a replacement part is needed, it may be found on the rack, and when it is removed from the rack a duplicate is ordered immediately.

## Economical Rail-Truck Haulage System

FORT DODGE GYPSUM CO., Fort Dodge, Iowa, in getting out gypsum rock for direct car shipments and for delivery to the Fort Dodge Plaster Co., plant nearby, has a novel system for



Efficient and unique truck for hauling gypsum rock from bins to cars

hauling rock from the crusher bins that is very rapid and cheap to operate. The gypsum mine and crushing plant is on a bluff above the railroad siding and the plaster mill. Instead of building roadways for the truck haul to the track loading chute and the plaster

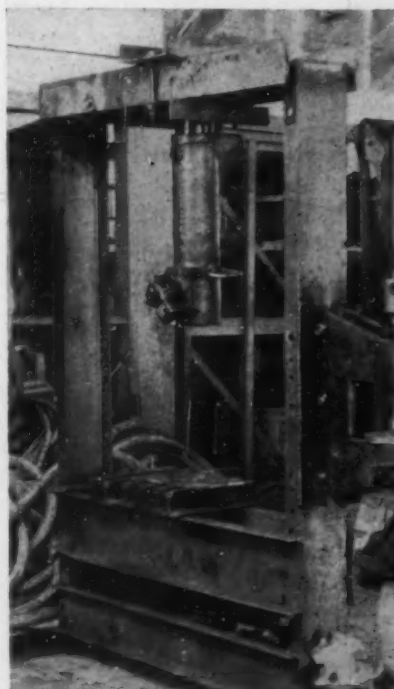
plant, a standard gauge track was placed under the plant bins extending to both points of dumping. Tires were removed from an old Chevrolet truck and regulation railroad wheels placed on the axles. The gears were reversed to give four speeds in reverse and two in high gear, the truck backing out from the bins and up a slight grade to dump. About 300 tons of crushed rock are handled in eight hours, using only one man. Four gallons of gasoline are consumed by the truck.

## Hydraulic Press

By WALTER B. LENHART,  
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**A** PRESS FOR REMOVING various machinery parts that have been pressed on in fabrication, or for removing end bells from motors which have frozen bearings is almost a necessity around any plant, yet it is surprising the number of operators that depend on chains and ordinary screw jacks or some similar makeshift for such work.

To do this work at one plant a suitable frame of heavy "I" beams was electrically welded. This frame acted as the support for a heavy type hydraulic jack which was suspended from the top horizontal member. The base is made up of similar heavy "I" beams with steel rails as cross members. The work is placed on the steel rails, and after adjustments the pressure applied.



Hydraulic press that has solved a difficult plant problem

This press is heavy enough for the largest jobs around the plant.

Welded to this frame (at right in illustration) is a small screw-type jack that is used for the smaller work.

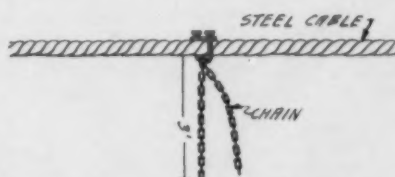
Since the illustration was taken, the top "I" beam has been replaced with one mounted in a vertical position for greater strength.

The electric welder made this device during spare time, and it has paid for itself a hundred fold in the few years of its life.

## A Trouble Helper

By DAVE PARIS,  
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**I**N THE ACCOMPANYING ILLUSTRATION is shown a chain attached to the tail line on a drag bucket. This chain is for helping the tail line dig itself out of a cave-in. At one time the writer had the



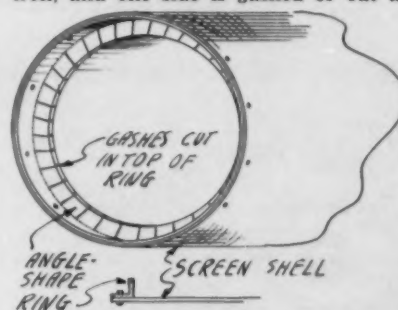
Simple device for extricating the tail line on a drag bucket from cave-ins

experience of having a tail line covered with about 40 ft. of sand and gravel caused from a cave-in. Where the line was covered there happened to be a large knot where the cable had been broken and tied together. As the digging went on ahead of the cave-in and this knot was being pulled back and forth through the sand and gravel the knot kept working its way up and in less than one hour's time it was free. By using a chain I find the same results can be obtained. This is a very simple trick but gratifying in results.

## Obtaining More Accurate Sizing

**W**HEN MATERIAL IS SIZED in a revolving screen, there is likely to be a certain amount of the fines pass on with the rejects because the material was not held in the screen for a long enough time. At the Fontana, Wis., plant of the Moulding-Brownell Corporation, a device is in use to hold the material in the lower end of the screen long enough to completely remove the fines. This is a sheet metal strip bolted on the inside of the screen at the lower end, which stands up about 2 in. high, and holds the fines, while allowing the rejects to roll over it and pass out of the screen.

This retaining strip is made from a piece of sheet metal 4 or 5 in. wide, folded along its length like an angle iron, and one side is gashed or cut at

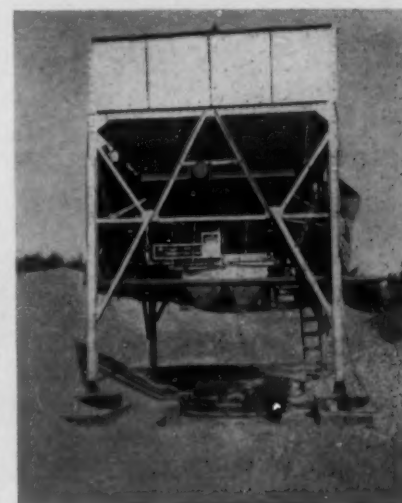


Sketch of revolving screen fitted with device to hold fines

intervals of about 2 in., down to the fold. After the gashing is completed, the strip can be readily bent to a circular shape to fit the inside of the screen. Holes are drilled in the uncut side of the strip, and this surface is then bolted flat against the inner screen surface. The strips can be made large enough to go completely around the inside of the screen, but it is usually more convenient to use two strips, each long enough to reach halfway around.

## Loading Tally Saves Bookkeeping

**D**ES MOINES SAND AND FUEL CO. Operative Association, Des Moines, Iowa, saves a lot of bookkeeping in the batching out of sand and gravel from its new 105 cu. yd. Butler batching bin. An old street car fare register was purchased for a small sum and mounted on the batching floor as a registering tally. The operator merely pulls the register cord which records the load and rings a bell each time a load goes out.



Meter for recording the number of loads of aggregates trucked out

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION *Activities*

## New York State Crushed Stone

**A**BOUT 30 producers of crushed stone met at the Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y., October 21, to put a little more pep into the activities of the New York State Crushed Stone Association. The principal subject of discussion was the employment of an all-time secretary or manager. While action was deferred to a later meeting in November, it would appear that the members of the association are unanimously in favor of the employment of such a manager—preferably an engineer.

H. H. Wagner, general manager of the Pennsylvania Stone Products Association, Harrisburg, Penn., contributed materially to the discussion by describing his work in Pennsylvania, where he has increased the membership of the state association from about 20 to 80 producers, now representing about 85 per cent of the state's production of crushed stone.

A. T. Goldbeck, director of engineering and research of the National Crushed Stone Association, was present to outline the trend of recent specifications and research, putting particular emphasis on the increasing use of the Los Angeles rattler test and the probability that it would be universally adopted in place of the other tests for hardness and toughness of aggregates. The present tests in some instances are wholly different for each of the three aggregates, which make comparisons difficult.

J. R. Boyd, administrative director, National Crushed Stone Association, described the work of the association and the necessity of an organization in Washington to carry on. The proof of this is so evident to every reader of *Rock Products*, that its repetition here seems hardly necessary. Mr. Boyd did, however, present a splendid case for the National Association.

The secretary of the New York State Construction Council, Thomas E. Wright, Rochester, N. Y., was present to make a plea for greater financial support for his organization, which is working year in and year out to prevent diversion of gasoline tax and motor vehicle license fees in New York State. This diversion of highway money has reached such a point that the State is spending about 20 per cent of its highway funds for improvement of highways.

## 1938 Conventions

**A**ERICAN Road Congress, Machinery Show and convention of American Road Builders' Association, Cleveland, Ohio, January 17-22.

**N**ATIONAL Crushed Stone Association, annual convention and machinery exhibit at Cincinnati, Ohio, January 24-26, incl., Netherland Plaza Hotel.

**N**ATIONAL Sand and Gravel Association, annual convention and machinery exhibit at Cincinnati, Ohio, February 1-3, incl., Netherland Plaza Hotel.

**N**ATIONAL Ready Mixed Concrete Association, annual convention and machinery exhibit, February 1-3, incl., Netherland Plaza Hotel.

There is to be a constitutional convention in the near future, one of the objectives of which is the adoption of an amendment which will prohibit this diversion. Mr. Wright promised that next year's road-building program would probably be around \$50,000,000 instead of \$20,000,000 as at present, and that if constitutional amendment is adopted \$100,000,000 a year would be regularly applied to highway construction.

ENGINEERING DIRECTOR, A. T. GOLDBECK, has been appointed to represent the National Crushed Stone Association on American Standards Association Committee on Building Code Requirements and Good Practice Recommendations for Masonry A 41, and also on Committee C-12 on Mortars for Unit Masonry of the American Society for Testing Materials. He has been active recently on the analysis of ballast data in connection with his work on the Ballast Committee of the American Railway Engineering Association. Much attention is also being given to the research work of the Association, involving the use of screenings and quarry fines, particularly in low cost surfaces. Work on stone sand is also being continued, particularly to study gradation

and its effect on the physical properties of concrete.

Efforts of the National Crushed Stone Association to increase membership are bearing fruit. The following new Active members have been reported: Consumers Co., 111 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill.; Dolese and Shepard Co., 111 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill.; and Mid-West Rock Products Corp., 806 Majestic Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind. New Associate members include: Earle C. Bacon, Inc., 17 John St., New York, N. Y.; Dempster Brothers, Inc., Box 3063, Knoxville, Tenn.; The Osgood Co., Marion, Ohio; Peoria Steel and Wire Co., Inc., Box 52, Peoria, Ill.; Screen Equipment Co., 9 Lafayette Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

## Industrial Sand

BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the National Industrial Sand Association met at the Palmer House, Chicago, Ill., October 5 and discussed various subjects of vital importance to the industry, including the effects of state occupational disease legislation, and the possibility of Federal legislation in this field.

Stanton Walker, director of engineering, reported on research facilities and possible projects. V. P. Ahearn, executive secretary, gave a resumé of Federal legislation and projected legislation and its possible or probable effects on the industry. Labor relations and a discussion of labor contracts were considered at some length.

## 1938 Convention

In honor of E. M. Ayers, president of the Ayers Mineral Co., Zanesville, Ohio, recognized universally as the dean of the silica sand industry, the directors voted to hold the third annual convention of the association at Zanesville in May 1938, that being the time of Mr. Ayers' fiftieth wedding anniversary. The exact dates will be announced later.

## Present at the Meeting

The following directors and producers were present: A. Warsaw, president of the association, Wedron Silica Co., Chicago; R. G. Hay and E. M. Ayers, the Ayers Mineral Co., Zanesville, Ohio; E. J. Beyer, Michigan Silica Co., Rockwood, Mich.; Frank D. Chadwick, Standard Silica Corp., Ottawa, Ill.; William C. Cook, Standard Silica Corp., Chicago, Ill.; R. G. Hay, the Ayers Mineral Co., Zanesville, Ohio; P. S. McDougall, Ottawa Silica Co., Ottawa, Ill.; A. J.



Miller, Whitehead Brothers Co., New York City; Chas. G. Runkle, the Ayers Mineral Co., Zanesville, Ohio; Ralph T. Stevens, Cape May Sand Co., Cape May, N. J.; G. A. Thornton, Ottawa Silica Co., Ottawa, Ill. Representing the Washington, D. C., office of the association were V. P. Ahearn, executive secretary, and Stanton Walker, director of engineering.

### Freight Rates

Among other activities of the association is opposition to projected increases in freight rates on industrial sand. This opposition will be continued because the association members are convinced that higher rates will reduce the volume moved by rail and seriously upset existing distribution arrangements.

### Ohio Concrete Vault Meeting

OHIO CONCRETE BURIAL VAULT ASSOCIATION held its annual meeting at the Neil House, Columbus, Ohio, October 20 and 21, the first annual meeting since the national association was founded in 1929. In fact, the National Burial Vault Association is the outgrowth of the Ohio group.

The session was presided over by Calvin Bell, of the Permanent Burial Vault Co., Miamisburg, Ohio, and president of the Ohio Burial Vault Association. Ross Hilles of Alliance, Ohio, acted as temporary secretary. Speakers included: H. A. Dahlquist, of the Sterling Concrete Vault Co., Inc., Chicago, and president of the National Concrete Burial Vault Association, who spoke on the value of association activities, national legislation, and reported on the conventions of the National Funeral Directors Association and the National Selected Morticians held in September; Russell Knight, executive secretary of the Ohio Funeral Directors' Association; W. F. Lockhardt, of the Vacuum Concrete Corporation, who gave an illustrated talk on the vacuum process of placing concrete; P. M. Woodworth, of the Portland Cement Association, on concrete vault construction; and F. H. Connors, of the Solvay Sales Corp., on calcium chloride

as used in burial vault manufacture.

An interesting demonstration also was arranged for the delegates at the Engineering Experimental Station, Ohio State University, through the courtesy of A. M. Lendrum, Norwalk Vault Co., Norwalk, Ohio.

Officers elected were: President, Lowell K. Huber, Huber-Baxter Co., Cincinnati; vice president, Wm. Fithian, Fithian Cement Products Co., Youngstown; and secretary-treasurer, E. C. Jeffries, Safety Vault Corp., Cleveland.

### Slag Producers Meet In Pittsburgh

NATIONAL SLAG ASSOCIATION held the annual directors' meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., October 7 and 8. Representatives

or companies that handle 85 percent of the annual tonnage of crushed and screened blast furnace slag produced in the United States attended the meeting. The following officers were elected: For president, Geo. A. Mattison, Jr., Woodstock Slag Corporation, Birmingham, Ala.; vice president, L. E. McDermut, Illinois Slag & Ballast Co., Chicago, Ill.; and secretary-treasurer, H. J. Love.

### Sand-Lime Brick Meeting

A REGIONAL MEETING of the Sand-Lime Brick Association was recently held in Minneapolis, reports J. Morley Zander, secretary of the national association, and head of the Saginaw Brick Co., Saginaw, Mich., who attended the Twin City meeting. Although no date has yet been set for the annual meeting of the national association, it will probably be in February.

### Lime

MIDWEST AGRICULTURE LIMESTONE INSTITUTE will hold its annual convention at French Lick, Ind., on November 12 and 13. In addition to agricultural limestone producers, there will be in attendance representatives from the University of Illinois, Purdue University, the Illinois Geological Survey and the Illinois Agricultural Association. Topics for discussion will include: Cooperative advertising, uniform terms and discounts, sales tax, and traffic matters. Manufacturers of grinding machinery and limestone spreaders have been invited to attend the meeting.

Highway Research Board will hold the annual meeting in Washington, D. C., at the National Academy of Sciences, from November 30 to December 3, inclusive.

TENTATIVE PLANS OF THE NATIONAL LIME ASSOCIATION provide for a series of public meetings for the discussion of uses of lime in construction. One meeting will be held in each of the four States of Florida, Alabama, Georgia, and North Carolina. The probable dates set for these meetings will be December 6 to 10, inclusive.

## SELF-PRESERVATION

IN a search for the reason why some individuals and companies do not participate in or support Association activities, quite often it is found that an entirely selfish attitude is taken with respect to the benefits to be derived from membership.

Associations do not exist to promote the business of the individual or company, except as they may function to improve the welfare of the entire industry of which the individual is a part. When these so-called independents are approached for membership, the answer very often has been, "I cannot see where the Association will benefit my business."

These independents who do not join with the majority in Association work forget that the forces which are working against their best interests are not those who are engaged in the same business, but they are entirely alien influences. These forces cannot be opposed by individuals or even large companies; they must be fought through the united action of the industry functioning through an Association.

An easy way to evaluate Association activity is to answer the following questions: Can an individual or company afford the expense to present an effective case in legislative hearings? Is it possible for an individual to gain recognition in the establishment of standards and specifications? How may an individual effectively fight a nation-wide battle for markets in the face of competition from foreign lands? These questions illustrate just a few of the problems that are faced by every business which can only be met through strong Association representation.

No individual is as big as the industry of which he is a part, and in this day of almost universal organization of every phase of our lives, it is more urgent than ever that the individual support the Association which is working for the best interests of the industry as a whole—even if it be for no other reason than self-preservation.

Join your association, and support it financially and with your services. Too often the association member assumes that his obligation ends with the payment of dues. Regular payment of dues is commendable, but very often support in conducting the affairs of the association is of even more importance than the relatively small sums paid for membership. Those who have served their association gain in dividends of experience much more than they lose in time taken from their business. If your Association has done an effective job in solving your problems, write to the officials and tell them about it. Remember they serve thousands of members who may be aptly termed the "boas", and they like to receive commendation for a job well done as well as the "kicks".

With the coming of the New Year, preparations are now going forward to make the conventions bigger and better than in the past. In the final analysis, however, each member will get out of the convention as much as he puts into it. Only through attendance at these conventions is it possible to learn about the latest developments in new equipment and more profitable methods of conducting your business. Will YOU be there?

# Recent Quotations on Rock Products Securities

Stock	Date	Bid	Asked	Dividends	Stock	Date	Bid	Asked	Dividends
Aetna P. C. corp.	9-27-37	22	..		Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co.	10-23-37	30 1/4	..	.60
Allentown P. C. (Penn.), com.	8-24-37	6	..		Missouri P. C.	..	..	..	
Altoona P. C. (Penn.), 6% cum.	..	..	..		Monarch Cement, corp.	..	..	..	
Altoona P. C. (Penn.), 6% cum.	9-27-37	9 1/2	..		Monolith P. C. com.	10-20-37	No market	..	
Alpha P. C. com.	10-25-37	12 1/2	..		Monolith P. C. 8% pfd.	10-20-37	3	4	
American Aggregates, 1st mtg.	10-16-37	80	..		Monolith P. C. 1st mtg.	10-20-37	2 1/2	3	
American Aggregates, 2nd mtg.	10-16-37	80	..		Monolith Portland Midwest, pfd.	10-20-37	..	..	
American Aggregates, com.	10-16-37	2 1/2	3 1/2						
American Aggregates, pfd.	10-16-37	25	..						
Arundel Corp. com.	10-9-37	18 1/2	..	.25					
Ash Grove L. & P. C. com.	9-27-37	11 1/2	..						
Ash Grove L. & P. C. pfd.	9-27-37	94	..						
Bessemer L. & C. com.	9-15-37	6	7 1/2						
Bessemer L. & C. pfd.	9-15-37	26	..						
Bessemer L. & C. 6 1/2% 1947	10-16-37	92	94						
Bessemer L. & C. 6 1/2% 1955	10-15-37	93	95 1/2						
Boston S. & G. com.	10-18-37	1	2						
Boston S. & G. pfd.	10-18-37	3 1/2	8						
Boston S. & G. 7% 1939	10-18-37	80	..						
Calaveras Cement, com.	10-21-37	4	5						
Calaveras Cement, 7% pfd.	10-21-37	..	59 1/2	2.00					
California Art Tile, A	10-20-37	8	10						
California Art Tile, B	10-20-37	1	1 1/2						
Canada Cement, com.	10-23-37	..	11						
Canada Cement, pfd.	10-23-37	..	65						
Canada Cement, 4 1/2% 1951	10-23-37	99 1/2	100 1/2						
Canada Crushed Stone, 5 1/2% 1944	10-23-37	98	101						
Caroline P. C. 5% cum. pfd.	8-24-37	42	..						
Consol. Cement, A	9-27-37	3 1/2	6						
Consol. Cement, 1st 6% 1950	10-14-37	68	71						
Consol. Ohio S. & G. 6 1/2% 1948	No market	..	..						
Consol. Rock Products, units	10-10-37	40	80						
Consumers R. & G. 1st Mtg.	..	..	..						
Consumers R. & G. 1st Mtg.	8-24-37	35 1/2	38 1/2						
Cosco P. C. 1st 6%	9-27-37	58	..						
Coplay Cement Mfg. pfd.	10-18-37	15	18						
Coplay Cement Mfg. 6% 1941	10-15-37	92	..						
Cumberland P. C. units	9-27-37	42	..						
Cumberland P. C. 7% 1937	..	..	..						
Dewey P. C. com. (new)	9-27-37	62	..						
Diamond P. C.	..	..	..						
Dunlop & Shepard	..	..	..						
Federal P. C. 5% 1947	8-24-37	62	..						
Federal P. C. 6 1/2% 1941	10-16-37	60	..						
Fia. P. C. units	10-16-37	25	27						
Fia. P. C. 6 1/2% 1937	10-15-37	100	..						
Giant P. C. com.	10-14-37	1	2 1/2						
Giant P. C. pfd.	10-14-37	11 1/2	13 1/2						
Glens Falls P. C. com.	9-27-37	12	16						
Glens Falls P. C. pfd.	8-24-37	86	97						
Great Lakes P. C. B.	9-27-37	6 1/2	..						
Gyp. Lime & Alabastine	10-23-37	6	9						
Gyp. Lime & Alabastine, 5 1/2%	10-23-37	97	99						
Hercules Cement, com.	9-27-37	44	..						
Ideal Cement, com.	10-16-37	22 1/2	24 1/2	.50					
Kelley Island L. & T.	9-28-37	21 1/2	23						
Ky. Rock Asphalt, 6 1/2% 1936	10-15-37	42	45						
Ky. Stone Co. v.l.c.	10-15-37	6	10						
Ky. Stone Co. 5% 1956	10-15-37	46	..						
Keystone P. C. pfd.	9-27-37	30	..						
Lawrence P. C. com.	10-23-37	15 1/2	17 1/2						
Lawrence P. C. 5 1/2% 1942	10-14-37	100	..						
Lehigh P. C. com.	10-23-37	29 1/2	..						
Lehigh P. C. 4% pfd.	10-23-37	181	..						
Lone Star Cement, com.	10-23-37	35	..						
Louisville Cement	10-23-37	35	40						
Lyman-Richey, 1st 6% 1939-40	8-24-37	68	..						
Marbelite Corp. com.	10-21-37	1 1/2	1						
Marbelite Corp. pfd.	10-21-37	2	4 1/2						
Marblehead Lime, 7% 1944	10-20-37	85	90						
Marquette Cement, com.	8-23-37	43	44						
Marquette Cement, pfd.	10-16-37	100	105						
Material Service Corp.	10-16-37	14 1/2	16						
McCrady-Rodgers, com.	10-18-37	No mkt.	..						
McCrady-Rodgers, 7% pfd.	10-18-37	20	35						
Medusa P. C. com.	10-23-37	25	..						
Medusa P. C. 6% cum. pfd.	..	..	..						
Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co.	10-23-37	30 1/4	..	.60					
Missouri P. C.	..	..	..						
Monarch Cement, corp.	..	..	..						
Monolith P. C. com.	10-20-37	No market	..						
Monolith P. C. 8% pfd.	10-20-37	3	4						
Monolith P. C. 1st mtg.	10-20-37	2 1/2	3						
Monolith Portland Midwest, pfd.	10-20-37	..	..						
National Gypsum, A. com.	10-23-37	5 1/4	..						
National L. & S. 6 1/2% 1941	10-15-37	90	..						
Nazareth Cement, com.	10-14-37	8	10						
Nazareth Cement, 7% pfd.	10-14-37	80	85						
Newaygo P. C. pfd.	..	..	..						
New England Lime, units	10-20-37	..	16						
N. Y. Trap Rock, 7% pfd.	10-15-37	60	..						
North Amer. Cement, 6 1/2% 1953	10-14-37	5	6						
North Amer. Cement "A" pfd.	10-14-37	2 1/2	4 1/2						
North Amer. Cement, com. A	10-14-37	70	..						
North Amer. Cement, 6 1/2% 1940	10-14-37	73	..						
North Amer. Cement, 6 1/2% 1943	10-14-37	28	..						
North Amer. Cement, 6 1/2% 1953	10-14-37	5	8						
North Amer. Cement "B" pfd.	10-14-37	43	..						
North Shore Mat., 1st 6% 1950	10-14-37	22	25						
Northwestern P. C. units	10-17-37	..	..						
Northwestern States P. C.	..	..	..						
Ohio River S. & G. com.	10-15-37	10	..						
Ohio River S. & G. 1st pfd.	10-23-37	79	..						
Ohio River S. & G. 2nd pfd.	10-23-37	4	..						
Ohio River S. & G. 6% 1941	10-23-37	2 1/2	3 1/2						
Oregon P. C. com.	10-21-37	97	..						
Oregon P. C. 1st pfd.	10-21-37	47	50						
Oregon P. C. conv. pfd.	10-16-37	..	..						
Pacific Coast Aggr. new com.	10-21-37	1.50	1.60						
Pacific Coast Cement, com.	..	..	..						
Pacific P. C. com.	10-21-37	1	4						
Pacific P. C. pfd.	10-21-37	45	50						
Peerless Cement, com.	10-16-37	2	3 1/2						
Penn. Dixie Cement, com.	10-23-37	22 1/2	..						
Penn. Dixie Cement, pfd. A	10-23-37	117	..						
Penn. Dixie Cement, 6% A, 1941	..	..	..						
Penn. Glass Sand Corp. v.l.c.	10-23-37	15 1/2	..						
Penn. Glass Sand Corp. pfd.	10-23-37	..	..						
Penn. Glass Sand Corp. 1st mtg.	..	..	..						
4 1/2% 1960	..	..	..						
Petotkey P. C. com.	10-16-37	7 1/2	8 1/2						
Republic P. C. com.	..	..	..						
Riverside Cement, A	10-20-37	9	10						
Riverside Cement, B	10-20-37	2	2 1/2						
Riverside Cement, pfd.	10-20-37	90	95						
Santa Cruz P. C. pfd.	10-20-37	30	35	.50					
Schumacher Wallboard, com.	10-20-37	1 1/2	2						
Schumacher Wallboard, pfd.	10-20-37	12 1/2	17 1/2						
Signal Mt. P. C. com.	10-16-37	1	2						
Signal Mt. P. C. pfd.	10-16-37	55	57						
Signal Mt. P. C. units	..	..	..						
Southern States P. C. corp.	..	..	..						
Spartan P. C. units	..	..	..						
Standard Pav. & Mat. com.	10-23-37	3 1/2	3 1/2						
Standard Pav. & Mat. pfd.	10-23-37	..	32						
Standard Silica, com.	..	..	..						
Superior P. C. pfd.	10-21-37	34	50						
Superior P. C. A	10-21-37	11 1/2	14						
Superior P. C. B	10-21-37	190	..						
Southwestern P. C. units	10-21-37	..	..						
Trinity P. C. units	10-14-37	80	..						
U. S. Gypsum, com.	10-23-37	73 1/2	..						
U. S. Gypsum, pfd.	10-23-37	158 1/2	..						
Volunteer P. C. 1st 7% 1942	10-15-37	90	..						
Volunteer P. C. units	10-15-37	80	..						
Vulcanite P. C. com.	10-16-37	7	9 1/2						
Vulcanite P. C. 7 1/2% 1943	10-15-37	90	..	call for					
Wabash P. C.	10-9-37	8	12						
Warner Co. ww. 1st 6% 1944	10-15-37	60	68						
Warner Co. com.	10-14-37	3	5						
Warner Co. pfd.	10-14-37	9	12						
Whitehall Cement Mfg. com.	..	..	..						
Whitehall Cement Mfg. pfd.	..	..	..						
Wisconsin L. & C. 1st 7% 1940	10-20-37	85	95						
Wolverine P. C. com.	..	..	..						
Yosemite P. C. 4% pfd.	10-21-37	8	3 1/2						

Quotations by A. E. White Co., San Francisco, Calif. <sup>1</sup>The Securities Co. of Milwaukee

# THE FINANCIAL PAGE . .

## RECENT DIVIDENDS ANNOUNCED

Riverside Cement Co., pfd.		
(Q) .....	\$1.50	Nov. 1
Santa Cruz Portland Cement .....	.50	Oct. 1
Monarch Cement Co. ....	2%	Oct. 5
Lone Star Cement Corp. ....	.75	Sept. 30

ALPHA PORTLAND CEMENT CO., Easton, Penn., has announced earnings for the twelve months' period ending September 30:

	1937	1936
Net sales .....	\$6,723,653	\$6,487,991
Operating expenses ..	5,232,622	4,712,296
Depreciation and depletion .....	1,161,164	1,146,862
Operating profit .....	329,867	628,833
Other income .....	139,131	144,660
Total income .....	468,998	773,493
Fed. income taxes (est.) .....	77,041	97,139
Income charges .....	38,773	34,113
Minority interest (cr) .....		3,405
Net profit .....	353,184	645,646
Common dividends ..	644,600	644,600
Surplus for periods (d) 291,416		1,046

PEERLESS CEMENT CORP., Detroit, Mich., reports for the nine months ending September 30, 1937 a net profit of \$205,401 as compared with \$195,791 for the same period in 1936. Earnings per share for this period in 1937 are \$0.67 as against \$0.65 in 1936.

### Balance Sheet, as of Sept. 30:

Assets:	1937	1936
Plant & equipment (net) .....	\$1,949,186	\$2,020,970
Current Assets:		
Cash .....	447,863	485,504
Receivables (net) ..	226,305	231,964
Inventories (net) ..	391,162	236,609
Other assets .....	30,562	38,658
Prepaid expenses .....		44,344
Total .....	\$3,045,078	\$3,058,050
Liabilities:		
Common stock (par \$1) .....	\$306,563	\$301,562
Funded debt .....	1,287,200	1,803,963
Other long term debts ..	341,575	33,200
Current Liabilities:		
Account payable ..	67,946	105,260
Accrued int. & taxes ..	27,728	26,827
Land contract due ..		5,000
Capital surplus .....	553,123	
Earned surplus .....	460,943	782,238
Total .....	\$3,045,078	\$3,058,050
Current assets .....	\$1,065,330	\$954,077
Current liabilities ..	95,674	137,087
Working capital .....	909,656	816,990

CALIFORNIA ART TILE CORP., Los Angeles, Calif., reports for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1937, a net profit of approximately \$48,000, or about \$3 a share on 16,000 shares of class A stock, on which there are dividends in arrears. In the same period a year ago, the company reported a net profit of \$36,725, or \$2.30 a share on the same number of class A shares.

YOSEMITE PORTLAND CEMENT CORP., Merced, Calif., has extended to December 31, 1937 the time within which holders of class A stock may exchange their holdings for new \$10 par preferred in accordance with the recapitalization plan approved in 1936. The company also extended to the same date the time within which outstanding fractional share scrip may be converted into preferred stock.

PENNSYLVANIA-DIXIE CEMENT CORP., New York, N. Y., reports earnings for the twelve months' period ending September 30, 1937:

	1937	1936
Net sales .....	\$6,121,419	Not stated
Cost, expense, ordinary tax, etc. ....	4,782,210	
Depreciation and depletion .....	1781,948	
Operating profit .....	557,261	
Other income .....	36,532	
Total income .....	593,793	\$422,236
Interest .....	489,549	517,242
Federal income taxes ..		168,771
Net profit .....	104,244	(d) 263,777
Earned per share, pfd. ....	\$0.86	
No. of pfd. shares, 121,200.		

†For period from Jan. 1, 1937, to Sept. 30, 1937, depreciation has been charged to operations on the basis of cost of properties to predecessor companies, which is also the basis allowable for Federal income taxes. Additional provision for depreciation amounting to \$558,850, together with \$3,448 on account of properties written off, has been reflected in the transfer out of the special reserve.

LONE STAR CEMENT CORP., New York, N. Y., reports consolidated earnings for nine months to September 30, 1937:

	1937	1936
Sales .....	\$16,372,735	\$13,527,348
Manufacturing and shipping costs ..	8,207,279	6,591,135
Selling and administration expenses ..	1,826,943	1,581,912
Depreciation and depletion .....	2,132,532	2,099,604
Operating profit .....	4,205,981	3,254,697
Other income .....	154,828	113,166
Total income .....	4,360,809	3,367,863
Interest, etc. ....	2,626	341,514
Fed. inc. taxes, etc. ....	674,929	531,736
*Misc. charges .....	552,427	443,278
Net profit:		
March quarter ..	735,704	468,304
June quarter .....	1,188,733	746,981
Sept. quarter .....	1,206,180	836,040
9 months .....	\$3,130,626	\$2,051,334
Earnings per share .....	\$3.24	\$2.60
Number of shares .....	967,095	789,755

\*Obtained by deducting earnings for the first nine months from earnings for the full year.

LEHIGH PORTLAND CEMENT CO., Allentown, Pa., has reported for the twelve months ending September 30, 1937, a net profit of \$1,289,928, equal, after deducting \$279,473 dividends paid on the

4 percent convertible preferred stock, to \$1.34 each on 754,430 shares of \$25-par outstanding common stock. Based on twelve months' dividend requirements on 56,752 shares of 4 percent preferred stock outstanding at the close of the period, the balance of earnings for the twelve months' ending September 30 is equal to \$1.41 a common share. The net profit for the twelve months ending September 30, 1936, totaled \$2,207,863. Foreign competition on the Atlantic seaboard has been responsible for the lower net profit of this company, according to financial news reports.

## Agricultural Lime Demand Involved in Conservation

THE 1938 FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM will play an important part in stimulating the demand for agricultural lime. To qualify for payments under this program, the farmer must perform certain soil conserving practices, one of which relates to liming. In areas designated by the Regional Director as areas in which the average cost of agricultural limestone to farmers is as follows, the farmer will receive about \$2.00 for the application of the designated quantities of material:

Average Cost of Limestone	Pounds per Acre	Approximate Payment
(a) Not over \$1.50 per ton ..	3000	\$2.00
(b) \$1.51 to \$2.50 per ton ..	2000	\$2.00
(c) \$2.51 to \$3.50 per ton ..	1500	\$2.00
(d) \$3.51 to \$5.00 per ton ..	1000	\$2.00
(e) over \$5.00 per ton .....	800	\$2.00

The above figures do not limit the farmer to certain specified rates of application; he may apply more or less than the specified rates and be paid accordingly.

## Belt Manual

THE B. F. GOODRICH CO., Akron, Ohio, has printed a new, 20-page manual on the care and maintenance of conveyor and elevator belting. Profusely illustrated with drawings and actual job photographs, the manual discusses such topics as (1) Why care of rubber belts is worth while; (2) Saving belt wear at loading points; (3) Protecting belts from trapped lumps; (4) How reduced speeds save belts; (5) How to make conveyor belts run straight; (6) Belt wear controlled by idler spacing; (7) Excessive tension—causes and remedies; (8) Effects of light, heat, cold and moisture; (9) How to install conveyor belts; (10) Fasteners; (11) Breaking in; (12) Splicing and repairing; (13) Specifying new conveyor belts; (14) Elevator belts—causes of rapid wear and injuries; (15) Elevator belts—how to install; tension formula. This manual is not technical, but is written in practical language for practical operating men.



# TRAFFIC and TRANSPORTATION

## Proposed Rate Changes

THE FOLLOWING are the latest proposed changes in freight rates up to and including the week of October 16:

### Trunk

36321. A. Sand (other than ground or pulverized or naturally bonded molding), and gravel, in open top cars, without tarpaulin or other protective covering, C. L. B. Sand and gravel (other than ground or pulverized), in closed cars or in open top cars with tarpaulin or other protective covering, C. L. C. Sand, ground or pulverized, C. L., (See Note 3), from Flanders, N. J. Proposed rates in cents per net ton):

To			
Cleveland, O. ....	A310	B310	C341
Youngstown, O. ....	A290	B290	C319
Mansfield, O. ....	A320	B320	C352
In lieu of present rates.			

36323. Sand (other than industrial), in open or in closed equipment, and gravel, C. L., (See Note 3), from Buffalo, N. Y., stations, Carroll St., Louisiana St., Ohio St., Erie St., Black Rock, East Buffalo and Harriet, N. Y., to Westfield, Mass., \$2.95 per net ton, in lieu of present sixth class rate 26c per 100 lb.

36325. Crude dolomite, C. L., (See Note 3), from Willville, W. Va., to Conshohocken, Penn., \$1.58 per net ton, in lieu of present sixth class rate.

Sup. 4 to 36228. Lime, common, hydrated, quick or slaked, and dry building mortar, C. L., min. wt. 30,000 lb., and lime, common, hydrated, quick or slaked, C. L., min. wt. 50,000 lb., to points on the D. & N. R. R. in New York State from Southern Ry. points named in Agent Hecker's I. C. C. 217, rates made 60c per net ton over East Branch, N. Y.

36329. (A) Sand (other than industrial), in open top cars without tarpaulin or other protective covering. (B) Sand (other than ground or pulverized), in closed cars. (C) Sand, naturally bonded molding, in open or closed cars. (See Note 3), from Daguerstown, Penn., to Orillia, Ont.: (A) \$4.05, (B) and (C) \$4.45 per net ton, in lieu of present class rates.

36328 (Sup. 3). Lime, common, hydrated, quick or slaked, and dry building mortar, C. L., min. wt. 30,000 lb., and lime, common, hydrated, quick or slaked, C. L., min. wt. 50,000 lb., to points on the D. & N. R. R. in New York State from C. & O. Ry. points named in Agent Hecker's I. C. C. 217, rates made 60c per net ton over East Branch, N. Y.

36332. Ground limestone, C. L., min. 60,000 lb., from Oriskany Falls, N. Y., to Afton, Bainbridge, Unadilla, Wells Bridge, N. Y., \$1.30; Harpursville, Nineveh, Otego, N. Y., \$1.35; Port Crane, Sanitaria Springs and Tunnel, N. Y., \$1.45 per net ton, in lieu of present rates.

36333. Limestone, crude, fluxing, foundry and furnace, when shipped in open top equipment, C. L., (See Note 3), from Martinsburg, W. Va., to Bethlehem, Penn., \$1.85 per net ton, in lieu of present rate \$2.31 per gross ton.

36336. Crushed stone, C. L., in open top equipment, (See Note 3), from Snow Flake, W. Va., to Chest Junction, Gladys, W. Va., \$1.50, Laurel Bank, W. Va., \$1.70 and Webster Springs, W. Va., \$1.80 per net ton, in lieu of present rates. Reason: Based on the Buckland scale.

36353. Limestone, ground or pulverized and/or stone dust, C. L., min. wt. 60,000 lb., from Linville and Zirkle, Va., to points of destination shown in Agt. Hecker's Tariff I. C. C. No. 216, various rates on same basis as now applicable from Riverton, Strasburg Junction, Va., etc., to same destinations.

36354. Dolomite, roasted (refractory dolomite) in granular form, treated or untreated, clinkered and/or burnt to a dead heat, C. L., min. wt. 60,000 lb., from Billmyer, Penn., to Rockaway, N. J., \$2.13 per net ton, in lieu of present 6th class rate 18c per 100 lb.

36363. To provide for rates on moulding gravel from Philadelphia, Penn., to points in Canada shown in Items 8145 to 8215 of Agent Curlett's Tariff I. C. C. No. A-520 on the same basis as is currently in effect on moulding sand.

### Central

52230. To cancel all commodity rates on slag (a product of iron or steel blast or open hearth furnaces), not ground or pulverized, in bulk, in open top equipment, and crushed stone, from Rock Points, Penn., to points in Ohio, Penn. and W. Va., published in B. & O. R. R. Tariffs I. C. C. 22774 and I. C. C. 21523, and similar rates in other individual lines' tariffs, Classification basis to apply in lieu thereof.

52253. To establish on concrete mix, consisting of cement and sand, or of cement, sand and gravel, dry (the amount of cement in the mixture not to exceed, in any case, 25 percent), in paper sacks, C. L., min. wt. 30,000 lb., from Cincinnati, O., to Huntington, 11½c; Charleston, 13c, and Logan, W. Va., 13½c. Route: Via C. & O. Ry. direct.

52271. To establish on (a) sand, naturally bonded molding, in all kinds of equipment, C. L.; sand (except naturally bonded molding; ground or pulverized sand), in closed equipment, C. L.; (b) sand, ground or pulverized, in all kinds of equipment, C. L.; and (c) sand (except naturally bonded molding; ground or pulverized sand), in open top equipment, C. L. (see Note 3), but orders will not be accepted for closed and open top cars of less marked capacity than 60,000 lb. wooden frames (paper boxes), vis: corrugated and 80,000 lb., respectively.\*\*

From the Michigan City, Ind., Group (rates in cents per net ton):

To	—Proposed Rates—		
	(a)	(b)	(c)
Boston, Mass. ....	465	507	485
Fairfield, Conn. ....	445	486	445
Plainville, Conn. ....	445	486	445
Providence, R. I. ....	485	529	485
St. Johnsbury, Vt. ....	490	534	490
Seymour, Conn. ....	445	486	445
Torrington, Conn. ....	445	486	445
Westfield, Conn. ....	450	491	450

52272. To establish on crushed stone and stone screenings, also agricultural limestone, C. L., from Huntington, Ind., to points in Michigan.

	(Representative to Michigan Points)	
	(1)	(2)
Sturgis .....	105	135
Nottowa .....	107	135
Wasepi .....	110	140

\*Note—The oil, tar and/or asphaltum not to exceed 10% by weight of the commodity shipped, the shipper to so specify on shipping orders and bills of lading.

\*\*When a shipper orders a car of above mentioned marked capacities or greater, and the carrier is unable to furnish car ordered and furnishes a car of greater capacity than that ordered, the min. wt. for the car furnished will be that which would have obtained had the car ordered been furnished and used.

Note 1—Minimum weight marked capacity of car.

Note 2—Minimum weight 90% of marked capacity of car.

Note 3—Minimum weight 90% of marked capacity of car, except that when car is loaded to visible capacity the actual weight will apply.

Vicksbury .....	112	150
Kalamazoo .....	117	150
Plainwell .....	117	160
Bradley .....	122	165
Moss .....	127	170
Grand Rapids .....	130	175
Edgerton .....	135	185
Hiram .....	137	185
Reynolds .....	140	195
Big Rapids .....	142	195
Reed City .....	147	205
Kenney .....	132	175
Conklin .....	135	185
Muskegon .....	140	195
Fowlerville .....	140	185
Grand Ledge .....	135	175
Sanfield .....	140	185
Lake Odessa .....	140	185
McCords .....	140	185
Grand Haven .....	145	185
Nuncia .....	140	185
Marne .....	140	175
Ada .....	140	175
Ionla .....	145	195
Pewano .....	150	195
St. Johns .....	150	195
Owaso .....	145	185

(1) Proposed rates on crushed stone and stone screenings.

(2) Proposed rates on agricultural limestone.

52275. To amend Item 7540-B of C. F. A. L. Tariff 130-Y (Exceptions to Official Classification), naming rates on stone, crushed; slag and/or gravel, coated with oil, tar or asphaltum, in open top equipment, C. L., from various points in Ohio to stations in Ohio, applicable on intrastate shipments only, by providing for the addition of "Fort Jefferson, O.," as a point of origin therein.

52278. To establish on limestone, ground or pulverized, unburnt, C. L., min. wt. 60,000 lb., from Ridgeville, Ind., to Chicago, 185c, and Sycamore, Ill., 205c per net ton.

52279. To establish on agricultural limestone, ground or pulverized, C. L., min. wt. 60,000 lb., from Valmeyer, Ill., to Terre Haute, Ind., 175c per net ton. Route: Via Mo. Pac. R. R., E. St. Louis, Ill., P. R. R.

52280. To establish on (a) sand, naturally bonded molding, in all kinds of equipment, C. L.; sand (except naturally bonded molding; ground or pulverized sand), in closed equipment, C. L.; (b) sand, ground or pulverized, in all kinds of equipment, C. L.; and (c) sand (except naturally bonded molding; ground or pulverized sand), in open top equipment, C. L.; (see Note 3), but orders will not be accepted for closed and open top cars of less marked capacity than 60,000 lb. and 80,000 lb., respectively\* from Nashua, Penn., to Farrell, Penn., (a) 90c; (b) 99c, and (c) 60c per net ton.

52288. To establish on limestone, ground or pulverized, unburnt, C. L., min. wt. 60,000 lb., from Alton, Ill., to Akron, O., 315; Ashtabula, O., 335; Battle Creek, Mich., 265; Cincinnati, O., 235; Cleveland, O., 315; Columbus, O., 275; Dayton, O., 235; Detroit, Mich., 295; Elkhart, Ind., 235; Evansville, Ind., 175; Ft. Wayne, Ind., 235; Indianapolis, Ind., 205; Kalamazoo, Mich., 265; LaFayette, Ind., 205; Logansport, Ind., 215; Louisville, Ky., 215; Michigan City, Ind., 225; Muncie, Ind., 225; Napoleon, O., 265; Nappanee, Ind., 235; Port Huron, Mich., 315; Richmond, Mich., 315; St. Clair, Mich., 315; Sandusky, O., 295; South Bend, Ind., 235; Terre Haute, Ind., 175; Toledo, O., 275; Wabash, Ind., 225; Williamsport, O., 275; Youngstown, O., 335.

52293. To cancel specific commodity rates now published in C. F. A. L. Tariff 155-T, on limestone, crushed, ground or pulverized, in barrels, boxes or sacks, C. L., min. wt. 40,000 lb., from Piqua, O., to Fond du Lac, Wis., 19½c; Green Bay, Wis., 122-19½c; Madison, Wis., 20½c; Oshkosh, Wis., 19½c; Portage, Wis., 21½c; Wausau, Wis., 23½c; Winona, Minn., 25.

†Other than in barrels, boxes or sacks. Sixty percent of sixth class, published in Item 4715 of C. F. A. L. Tariff 130-Y, on limestone, crushed, ground, or pulverized, not burnt, min. wt. 50,000 lb., vis.:

To Fond du Lac and Green Bay, Wis., 17; Madison, Wis., 18; Oshkosh, Wis., 17; Portage, Wis., 18; Wausau, Wis., and Winona, Minn., 22, to apply in lieu thereof.

52381. To establish on stone, crushed, slag and gravel, coated with oil, tar or asphaltum\*, in open top cars, in straight or mixed C. L., from Weirton, W. Va., to points in W. Va. and Penn. shown below, on basis of I. C. C. Dkt. 22598 (Shaw Junction) single line scale as follows, in cents per net ton.

	Rate
20 miles and under.....	73
40 miles and over 20 miles.....	83
60 miles and over 40 miles.....	108
80 miles and over 60 miles.....	118
100 miles and over 80 miles.....	128

52399. To establish on stone, industrial, (unburned), in bulk in open top cars, from Annandale, Branchton, Harrisville and Osbornes, Penn., to Pittsburgh, Penn. (B. & O. R. R. delivery), 75c per gross ton. Route: Via B. & L. E. R. R., Butler, Penn., and B. & O. R. R.

52445. To establish on limestone, agricultural, unburnt, in bulk, in open top equipment, and screenings, agricultural limestone, C. L., from Spore, O., to Caledonia and Marion, O., 60c per net ton.

52446. To establish on stone, crushed, slag and gravel, coated with oil, tar, or asphaltum\*, in open top equipment, C. L., from Charleston, W. Va., to Gilbert, W. Va., 160c per net ton, via N. Y. C. R. R., Deepwater Bridge, W. Va., Virginian Ry.

52480. To establish on core sand, in open top cars only, C. L., from Lehigh, Ill., to Alexandria, 125c; Anderson, 135c; Brazil, Ind., 125c; Cincinnati, Dayton, O., 200c; Decatur, 135c; Elkhart, 115c; Fort Wayne, 135c; Frankfort, Ind., 105c; Hamilton, O., 185c; Kendallville, 135c; Kokomo, 115c; Logansport, 105c; Marion, Ind., 125c; Middletown, O., 200c; Mishawaka, 115c; Montpelier, Muncie, 135c; South Bend, Ind., 115c; Springfield, O., Terre Haute, Wabash, 125c, and Warsaw, Ind., 115c per net ton.

52485. To establish on crushed stone and crushed stone screenings, in bulk, in open top cars, C. L., to Cincinnati, O., from Piqua, 100c, and Cedarville, O., 95c per net ton.

52540. To establish on stone, crushed, in open top equipment, C. L., from Kenton, O., to Osborn, O., 95c per net ton.

52548. To establish on crushed stone, in open top cars, C. L., from Findlay, O., to Stickney, 70c; Malinta, 75c; Napoleon, Gerald, 80c; Wauseon, Ottoket, 85c, and Denison, O., 90c per net ton.

52549. To establish on core sand, C. L., in open top equipment only, from Attica, Ind., to Lafayette, 65c; Peru, 95c; Wabash, 100c; Ft. Wayne, 125c; Crawfordville, 75c; Kokomo, 95c; Indianapolis, 100c; Terre Haute, Ind., 90c; Danville, 65c; Springfield, 125c; Hoopeston, 80c; E. St. Louis, Ill., St. Louis, Mo., 170c, and Mattoon, Ill., 105c per net ton.

52553. To establish on limestone, agricultural, unburnt, in bulk, in open top equipment, and screenings, agricultural limestone, C. L., from Spore, O., to Newcomertown, Kimbolton, 115c; Oldham, 125c; Cambridge, \*115c; Byesville, Caldwell, 125c; South Olive, 135c, and Marietta, O., \*135c per net ton.

\*Now published via B. & O. R. R. in N. Y. C. Tariff I. C. C. L. S.-1649.

52554. To establish on crushed stone and crushed stone screenings, in bulk, in straight or mixed C. L., in open top cars, from Scioto and White Sulphur, O., to Coldwater, O., 105c per net ton.

52555. To establish on sand (except industrial), in open top cars, C. L., from Elkhart, Ind., to Michigan City, Ind., 80c per net ton. Route: Via N. Y. C.-South Bend, Ind.-M. C. R. R.

52573. To establish on ground or pulverized limestone, in box cars, C. L., min. wt. 60,000 lb., from Sibley, Mich., to Ashford, 200c; Bowmansville, 190c; Carrollton, 205c; Cattaraugus, Clymer, 200c; East Aurora, 195c; Ellicottville, 200c; Elma, 190c; Forest-

ville, 200c; Great Valley, 205c; Lancaster, 190c; Limestone, Little Valley, 205c; Orchard Park, 190c; Ripley, 195c; Salamanca, 205c; Silver Creek, Springville, Westfield, 195c; West Valley, 200c; Akron, 215c; Allegany, 235c; Clarence, Crittenden, 215c; Crystal Lake, Elton, Farmersville, Franklinville, 225c; Freedom, Hinsdale, 235c; Humphrey, Machias, 225c; Olean, 235c; South Wales, Town Line, Transit, 215c and Westons, N. Y., 235c per net ton.

## Southern

15584. This submittal, included in Docket 905, assigned for Sept. 20, 1937, hearing, amended to suggest: Fuller's earth, C. L., min. 70,000 lb. Establish rates in cents per net ton, as follows:

To	From	Mobile, Quincy, Ala.	Fla.
Fort Wayne, Ind. ....	680	700	
Indianapolis, Ind. ....	620	660	
Terre Haute, Ind. ....	600	640	
Chillicothe, Ohio ....	680		
Columbus, Ohio ....	680		
Delaware, Ohio ....	680	700	
Marion, Ohio ....	700		

15696. Fuller's earth, C. L., min. 70,000 lb. Establish 820c net ton from Ochlocknee, Ga., to Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

15752. Roofing granules, C. L., min. wt. 80,000 lb. Establish 570c net ton from Granville, N. Y., and Gladhill, Penn., to Memphis, Tenn.

15774. Fluxing stone, C. L. Establish 40c net ton from Burns, Tenn., to Lyle, Tenn.

15793. Lime, C. L. Establish 550c, C. L., min. 30,000 lb., and 458c net ton, C. L., min. 50,000 lb., from St. Louis, Mosher and Ste. Genevieve, Mo., to Ferdinand, Fla.

15795. Calcite, roasted, C. L. Establish 528c per ton from Martinsburg and Millville, W. Va., to Gadsden, Ala.

15860. Lime, fluxing, C. L., min. 70,000 lb. Establish 272c net ton from Sherwood, Tenn., to Cincinnati, Ohio, and Newport, Ky.

15835. Phosphate rock and phosphate limestone, C. L. Extend expiration date in connection with rates from L. & N. and N. C. & St. L. stations in the Mt. Pleasant-Centreville district to Buffalo, N. Y., Chicago, Chicago Heights, Ill., Cleveland, O., Detroit, Mich., Sandusky, O., Toledo, O., Joliet, Ill., Lansing, Mich., and intermediate points from December 31, 1937, to December 31, 1938.

## Western

E-41-225. Sand, naturally bonded, molding, C. L. (See Note 3), but orders will not be accepted for closed and open top cars with marked capacity of less than 60,000 lb. and 80,000 lb., respectively, from Gladstone, Ill., to destinations in Mich. and Wis. To representative points.

To	Prop. Rate
Abbotsford, Wis. ....	\$2.40
Appleton, Wis. ....	2.30
Eau Claire, Wis. ....	2.30
Fond du Lac, Wis. ....	2.20
Green Bay, Wis. ....	2.30

E-41-227. Limestone, broken, crushed or ground, C. L. (See Note 3), but in no case less than 40,000 lb. from St. Louis, Mo., and E. St. Louis, Ill. (Rates in cents per 100 lb.)

To	Pres.	Prop.
Minneapolis, Minn. ....	14	†
Norwood, Minn. ....	27	16
Winthrop, Minn. ....	27	16
New Ulm, Minn. ....	28	17
St. James, Minn. ....	25	14
Sherburn, Minn. ....	25	14

† No change.

E-55-11. Vermiculite, other than crude, C. L., between points in W. T. L. territory, min. wt.: Present—24,000 lb., subject to Rule 34. Proposed—24,000 lb. per car used. Rates—Class 27½ (no change).

E-151-15. Feldspar, C. L., min. wt. 50,000 lb. per standard gauge car. Rates in cents per ton of 2000 lb., except as noted. Proposed rates:

To	(a)
Group 1 (Miss. River) ... (1)(C)485(A)575	
Group 2 (Peoria) ....	(3)(B)695
Group 3 (Chicago) ....	(A)695
Group 4 (St. Paul) ....	(A)725

To	(b)
Group 1 (Miss. River) ... (1)(C)460(A)550	
Group 2 (Peoria) ....	(3)(B)670
Group 3 (Chicago) ....	(A)670
Group 4 (St. Paul) ....	(A)700

(a) From Black Hawk, Colo., Rollinsville, Colo., Tolland, Colo.

(b) From Forks Creek, Colo.

(C) Minimum weight 80,000 lb.

(1) Applicable only on traffic destined to points east of the Ill.-Ind. state line.

(3) Will not apply to where rates are provided in Item 3072 of W. T. L. Tariff 111-I.

(A) Minimum weight marked capacity of car.

(B) Minimum weight marked capacity of car, but not less than 80,000 lb.

The above is a list of representative points.

E-151-16. Feldspar, C. L., min. wt. 80,000 lb. Rates in cents per ton of 2000 lb. Proposed rates:

To	(a)	(b)
New Orleans, La. ...	(C)955	(C)930
Jackson, Miss. ....	(C)1)825	(C)1)800

(a) From Black Hawk, Colo., Rollinsville, Colo., Tolland, Colo.

(b) From Forks Creek, Colo.

(C) Minimum weight 80,000 lb.

(1) Under W. T. L. Application D-151-8 rate of 700c per ton, min. wt. 80,000 lb., was approved from Denver, Colo., etc., to Jackson, Miss., subject to the concurrence of the S. F. A., and in the event this rate is approved we propose to establish a rate of 725c per ton, min. wt. 80,000 lb., from Black Hawk, Rollinsville and Tolland, and a rate of 700c per ton, min. wt. 80,000 lb., from Forks Creek, Colo.

## New England

42637. To cancel obsolete rate on 14c on talc and soapstone, ground or pulverized, other than talc and soapstone testing not less than 99 percent through 200 mesh screen, in straight or mixed C. L., min. wt. 70,000 lb., from Chester, Vt., to Boston, Mass., for export, and apply in lieu thereof classification basis.

## Southwestern

12327. To establish rates on feldspar, C. L., min. wt. 50,000 lb. and higher from Black Hawk, Rollinsville and Tolland, Colo., based 25c per ton higher than the rates formerly in effect from South Platte, Colo., also the same rates from Forks Creek, Colo., as were formerly in effect from South Platte, Colo.

12400. To establish rates based on the I. C. C. Docket 12704 plussed scale on plaster and related articles, as described in Item 5-B, S. W. L. Tariff 219, I. C. C. 2511, C. L., min. wt. 40,000 lb., from Acme, Plasterco, Plasterco Junction, Rotan and Sweetwater, Tex., and El Dorado, Okla., to destinations in C. F. A. territory, using same destination grouping published in WTL Tariff 324, I. C. C. No. A-2548. Distances to be computed on the average mileage of all Texas producing points and El Dorado, Okla.

12447. To establish rates on dry building mortar (consisting of a mixture of portland cement, lime and shale), from, to and between Southwestern and Western Trunk Line territories, in straight C. L. or in mixed C. L. with hydraulic, portland or natural cement, min. wt. 50,000 lb., except when the marked wt. capacity of car is less, in which event the marked wt. capacity of the car will be the min. wt., but the min. wt. is not to be less than 40,000 lb., same as is currently applicable on portland cement.

# SCREW CONVEYOR ACCIDENT



## Claims Another Life When Cover Plate Collapses

**U**NFORTUNATELY, THE FATAL ACCIDENT described this month is another mishap directly connected with that old offender, the screw conveyor. The scene was laid in the coal department of a cement plant. The screw conveyor involved carries coal from the dryer elevator to the storage bins from which it is fed into the Fuller mills for pulverizing.

Two repairmen were installing a guard over the projecting end of the screw shaft, at the end of the elevator. When it became necessary, in the course of the work, for one of the workmen to cross to the other side of the conveyor, he attempted to push himself over it, instead of walking around, which was fully as easy, and the natural thing to do.

The victim knelt on the lid with both knees and as he was about to swing himself around, so that he could step off on the other side, the cover crumpled beneath him and his legs went down into the screw box, mangling them to the pelvis. Death occurred two hours later. He left a wife and three children aged 18, 16 and 5.

### Some Facts About the Case

The man who lost his life in this accident was not inexperienced. He had had 14 years' experience as a repairman and he was considered competent and trustworthy. He had learned first hand, long before, that screw conveyors are dangerous. He had once helped to pull what was left of a man out of one—and he thoroughly understood that under no circumstances were repairs to be made or any work done on moving machinery.

But this screw conveyor looked perfectly safe. The cover was in place. Intent on what he was doing, he evidently forgot all about the common-sense, generally understood rule, **KEEP OFF ALL SCREW CONVEYORS**. Possibly this man had formed a habit of getting across conveyor boxes in this way, but it is hard to understand why he did so in this case, as it would have been fully as easy to walk around.

Investigation showed that highly corrosive sulphur dioxide and moisture in the coal, together with heat generated and occasional friction, had weakened

the metal cover to a point where it would not sustain a man's weight. How did it happen that this condition was not discovered?

Coal grinding department operators know or certainly should know of the rapid corrosive action on steel of the sulphur dioxide and moisture in coal. It is often necessary to repair leaks in coal conveyors and whole sections wear out comparatively quickly and have to be replaced. Doesn't it follow that screw conveyor lids should be inspected frequently and that *special* care should be taken to keep men off of them?

No one can inspect a department quite so thoroughly as the man who works there. Would it not be well for each plant department to uncover the *hidden* dangers an outsider might not suspect and make doubly sure they can not cause injury or death? Should a tragedy like this be necessary to make individuals, departments and plants *think* about safety in terms of engineering, education and the enforcement of essential safety rules?

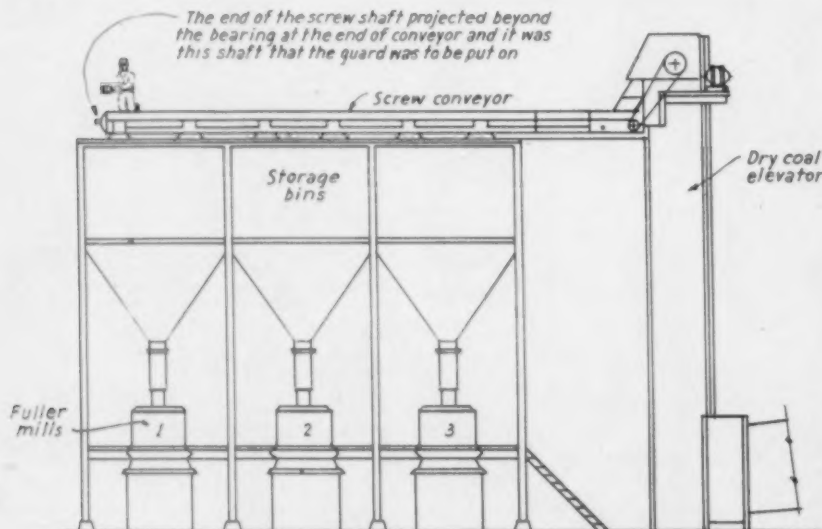
The mill in which this ghastly fatality occurred proposes to use heavier gauge sheet metal plates for coal conveyor covers and to make weekly inspections of them so that they can be replaced at the first sign of weakness. Hindsight may prevent the recurrence of this tragedy at this mill, but **WHAT ABOUT ALL OTHER MILLS?** Must others have an accident of this kind in order to learn their lesson?

### What Precautions for Screw Conveyors

For years deadly screw conveyors have taken the lives of cement workers. If you agree that the following precautions will save lives, *by all means put them into effect AT ONCE!* If you feel that undue emphasis is placed on them, reflect a moment on the value of a man's life! Here they are:

**1. KEEP OFF OF ALL SCREW CONVEYORS.** Men who persist in disobeying common sense safety rules formu-

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Coal conveyor top collapsed under weight of repairman who needlessly knelt upon it. He might have stepped around the end of the conveyor just as quickly and as easily



# QUARRY SHOTS . . .

## Historic Quarry Reopens for Business

RAYMOND J. SCHIRM, of San Francisco, Calif., two years ago purchased the limestone deposits in Lime Kiln Gulch near Los Gatos, Calif., and is now operating the quarry. This quarry, which supplied almost forgotten lime kilns in operation 75 years ago, will supply a limestone product used in refining beet sugar at Salinas, Calif. John T. Maluvius is superintendent of the new development. Crews of workmen have been building new bunkers and erecting crushing machinery. The rock will be hauled by truck down the gulch to a spur track on the Los Gatos-Santa Cruz division of the Southern Pacific railroad.

## To Reorganize Lime Company

GLENCOE LIME & CEMENT Co., St. Louis, Mo., has filed a petition in the United States District Court, seeking to reorganize under the amended bankruptcy act. In its petition, the company declared that since last January its business has been interfered with by the activities of labor organizers, and that labor trouble has caused it to suffer severe losses since last March.

## Quarry Supplies Rock For 350 Miles of Highway

R. NEWTON McDOWELL Co., has opened a quarry east of Pumpkin Center, Mo., to crush rock for the city of Graham. This company was the low bidder on nearly 350 miles of resurfacing work on Missouri State highways in Divisions No. 1 and No. 4, and will probably furnish the largest amount of crushed rock from the new quarry.

## Fort Peck Dam Bids Dec. 3

A LARGE MARKET FOR AGGREGATES and cement is expected to result from the award of contracts for the construction of Fort Peck Dam by U. S. Army Engineers. The bids will be opened at 11 a.m., December 3, 1937, at Kansas City, Mo. The preliminary work to be done for which bids have been invited include: Completing the concrete work in the main control shafts and their foundations (25,000 cu. yd. of concrete), and the construction of four separate

concrete buildings above the main shafts. Each of the four buildings will be 39 ft. wide by 52 ft. long, and 36 ft. from the ground level to the top of the roof.

## Open New Quarry In Washington

THE BROOKFIELD Co., Astoria, Wash., is preparing to open a quarry up the river about two miles from Cathlamet. Bunk houses are now being built, and a pile dock and fender will be constructed as soon as permission can be received from the War Department. A rock crusher will be installed and shovels will be placed in service. In addition to crushed rock, the new quarry will supply rock for rip-rapping and other general building purposes. The quarry in Brookfield also will be operated.

## Quarry Wins Safety Trophy Two Years

KRAUSE, No. 1 QUARRY, Columbia Quarry Co., St. Louis, Mo., has chalked up an unusual safety record. On September 23, this quarry completed five years without a Lost Time Accident and for two consecutive years has won the Safety Trophy of the National Crushed Stone Association Contest, supervised by the United States Bureau of Mines, details of which appeared in the October issue of ROCK PRODUCTS.

## Stone Company Has "Black Top" Plant

THE CUSHING STONE Co., Hancock, N. Y., has completed improvements to its plant, including the erection of facilities to make Amiesite or black top. Sixty men are employed in the enlarged plant, and production has been at a high level supplying State, Township, and County highway projects with crushed stone and Amiesite. In addition to the plant at Hancock, N. Y., eight other plants are operated in the northern part of the State.

THE SIXTEENTH EXPOSITION OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES will be held at Grand Central Palace, New York City, December 6 to 11. Of particular interest to the industrial minerals industry will be the display of machinery in the crushing and grinding equipment section.

## Quarry Used for Power Plant Water Supply

NATIONAL LIME AND STONE Co., quarry at Bluffton, Ohio, will be used for a unique purpose by the Central Ohio Light and Power Co. A 370-ft. intake tunnel is being blasted through solid rock at the quarry to be used in securing an adequate supply of cooling water for condensing purposes in the large generating plant which will soon be completed by the power company. The tunnel intake opening is 10 ft. high and 7 ft. wide. When completed, a dividing partition will be placed in the tunnel so that one-half of the tunnel will be used as an intake for cool water from the depth of the quarry while the other side will serve as an outlet for water that has been used in the cooling system of the power plant.

## Substantial Gain In Lime Production

FINAL 1936 FIGURES ON THE LIME INDUSTRY in the United States prepared by the U. S. Bureau of Mines show that production totaled 3,749,383 short tons valued at \$26,933,719. This represents an increase of 26 percent in quantity and 24 percent in value compared with 1935. Sales of hydrated lime, which are included in the above totals, amounted to 1,225,829 tons valued at \$9,529,743, an increase of 22 percent in quantity and 20 percent in value. The average unit value of all lime in 1936 was \$7.18 a ton compared with \$7.28 a ton in 1935; hydrated lime showed a decrease from \$7.90 a ton in 1935 to \$7.77 a ton in 1936. The total number of plants that reported operations in 1936 was 301, the same as in 1935.

Lime for agricultural purposes represented sales totalling 336,905 tons valued at \$2,108,787, an increase of 19 percent in quantity and 11 percent in value; for construction, 891,267 tons valued at \$7,589,346, an increase of 36 percent in quantity and 33 percent in value; dead-burned dolomite for furnace refractories, 596,751 tons valued at \$4,887,243, an advance of 31 percent. Ohio, the largest producer of this product, had an output of 314,924 tons valued at \$2,746,800 in 1936. Other producing States are Alabama, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

Shipments of metallurgical lime totaled 572,574 tons valued at \$3,491,701. The 26 percent increase in shipments is partly attributable to greater steel-making activity. Chemical lime, of which the paper industry is a large consumer, increased 21 percent. Other outlets also showed improvement, including water purification, tanneries, glass works, and miscellaneous chemical works.

Hobbies, Foibles and

## Personalities of Rock Products Men

But this Month Our Story Is Mainly About Two Women

**I**N RETIRING FROM her active capacity as chemist and executive of the Allwood Lime Co., Manitowoc, Wis., Miss Mary E. Squire takes with her the respect of the entire lime industry for her achievements in the chemistry of lime and as a builder of company morale, seldom equalled in any industrial organization.

Too little has been said or written about her philosophy which has inspired devotion and loyalty to the company and herself and has contributed materially to the progress of the industry and the company which she served as chemist so faithfully and well.

Advancing years caused Miss Squire's retirement in 1935, but she maintains a lively interest in the concern, conducts chemical analyses and acts in an advisory capacity when called upon.

In her place has come another woman, Mrs. Mable K. Lounsbury, at present director of the National Lime Association, to carry on the relationships and traditions set by Miss Squires over a period of many years.

Mrs. Lounsbury is not a chemist, but has a vast fund of previous business experience from which she draws to efficiently conduct the business affairs of the company.

In her past connections, she has served as a teacher, as an outstanding local

business woman, and brings to good use in her present capacity the legal knowledge gained from years of service in the Manitowoc Juvenile Court.

Since assuming her duties in 1935, Mrs. Lounsbury handles all business matters, has travelled widely, and will



President Wm. J. Tills, to the left, and Mrs. M. K. Lounsbury, vice-president, to the right

continue to do so, contacting the company's dealers and jobbers.

Natural and proper industrial and human relationships have not only made available the best in a man for the good of the company, but have brought out

qualities which are desired but seldom realized in the average working man.

The workmen at the Allwood Lime Co., have a desire to save money, and to a man voluntarily authorize the company to place a percentage of each salary check in the bank. The children of every employee are encouraged to acquire at least a four-year high school education, and sons of workmen are hired, upon completion of their education, to work in the plant if they so desire, and there is a place for them.

There is practically no turnover of labor at the plant, with the attendant loss in working efficiency always accompanying the breaking in of new men. Orders and commands are out of place, and each man has been an employee of the company for many years. Familiarity with his routine and job, and a desire to pull for the common good rather than the completion of a task solely for a salary brings out the best in the man at this plant—and voluntarily. Practically all employees of the plant are 20-yr. men, headed by William J. Tills, now president, and Paul Gosz, superintendent with 26 years' service.

Each employee at Allwood lives in a company-owned house, rent free, and is allotted a two-acre tract of land where he can raise his own vegetables. In slack business times and even when employed regularly, a workman has an added source of income from the crops he raises.

Athletics and other outside activities are not overlooked. The company sponsors a softball team that is the champion of Manitowoc county, and has a modern ball field complete with grandstands for the use and benefit of employees and their families. Healthy working conditions and a happy working environment have and will continue to pay dividends to the Allwood Lime Co.

The proven experience of this concern in its industrial relations with workmen and its interest in their families and well being, with a full realization that a man is an individual and not a cog in a machine, could profitably be put into practice by both small and large concerns processing industrial minerals.



A group of Allwood Lime Co. employees. President Tills, at the extreme right, has been with the company since 1911

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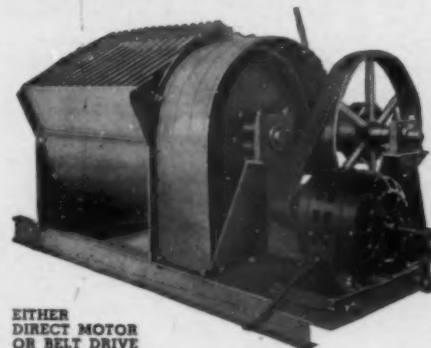
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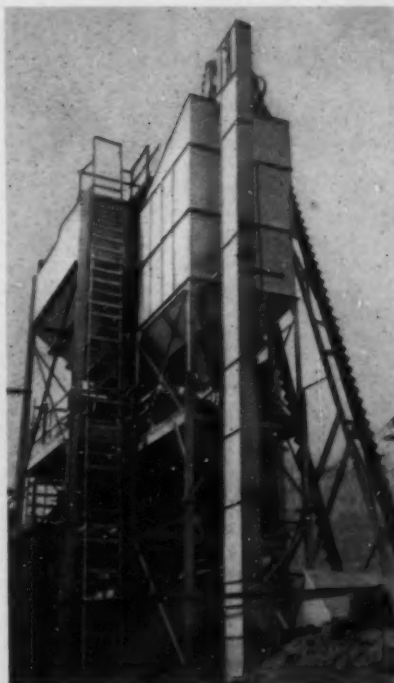
By GEO. D. ROALFE

Contributing Editor, Los Angeles, Calif.

**A** UNIQUE CENTRAL MIXING PLANT has been built by George A. Fuller, general contractor for the new \$7,298,440 post office in Los Angeles, Calif., to provide concrete for this project. The structure will require the placement of 60,000 cu. yd. of concrete in the foundations and superstructure. E. E. Davis, concrete superintendent for the contractor, is in charge of this phase of the work.

The central mixing plant was designed to receive all materials in bulk. It is located on the site, which covers more than an average city block. Aggregates are ordinarily delivered to the mixer by trucks in two sizes, namely, sand and crushed rock. The receiving hopper of the mixer contains two compartments, one for the fine, and the other for the coarse aggregate. To obviate the usual difficulty encountered with washed concrete sand, that of bridging at the discharge gate, an electrically driven agitator, located in the hopper in close proximity to the gate, has been provided. The agitator, driving shaft and motor are all set at an angle parallel to the hopper floor, with the motor in the clear of the entire hopper. The aggregates are elevated from their respective bins by a continuous bucket elevator on 87-ft. centers, fitted with 14-in. buckets, to a steel hopper-bottom bin, having a gross live capacity of 200 tons. It is so arranged as to provide facilities for the handling of up to four different sizes of fine and coarse aggregates, although in the normal operation only two are used.

Trucks delivering portland cement discharge their loads into the receiving hopper which has an upper tapered section for receiving the cement load from the end gate of the delivering truck. This tapered section forms the upper portion of a surge or holding bin with a capacity of 75 bbl. of bulk cement. Along the lower edge and for its complete width, is located a screw conveyor which transports the cement to the cement elevator. The vertical type cement elevator, fitted with 10-in. buckets, is fully enclosed in a steel housing, and discharges into an elevated steel storage bin with a



Concrete mixing plant showing bulk cement elevator in the foreground, the aggregate bucket elevator to the right, and aggregate bin at the left

capacity of 500 bbl.. All portions of the cement circuit are fully enclosed and relatively dust free.

### Fully Automatic Batching Equipment

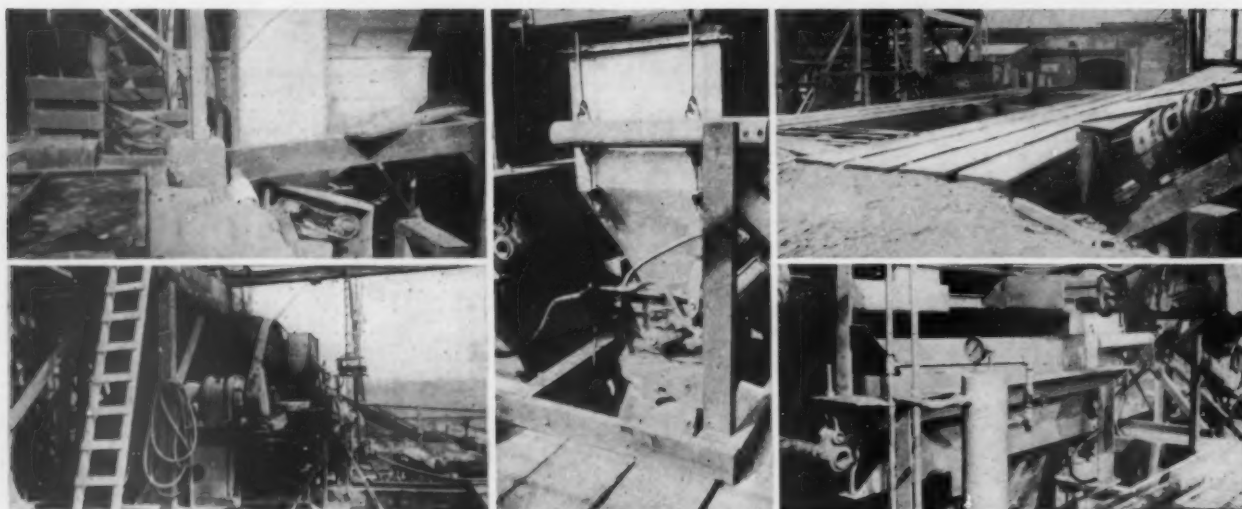
Batching equipment is of the pneumatic, electrically-controlled type. In every respect it is fully automatic, with the exception of the admixture which is added to the mix manually. The aggregate batcher will handle the materials, with the exception of cement, for a cubic yard batch. In addition to being fully automatic, it is selective for from one to four different sizes of aggregates, but as previously mentioned, only two sizes are ordinarily handled. The cement is batched through a separate hopper.

This is accomplished by a screw conveyor driven through a reduction gear with a V-belt drive from an individual motor, the operation of which is controlled through the automatic weighing devices. All weights are set on beam scales which in turn actuate the entire electrical control system. All gates are pneumatically operated and controlled electrically. After the weights are set, the pushing of a button actuates the complete operation of weighing out a batch. Its discharge, to the mixers, however, is manually controlled.

### Thorough Mixing With Special Equipment

For the actual mixing of the concrete, the contractor has installed two 1 cu. yd. Rex mixers. The dumping of the batch and its diversion to the proper mixer are under control of the operator. Each of the mixers is equipped with saddle water tanks which positively regulate the quantity of water entering the batch. The mixers are fed from the aggregate batchers by a split chute which is joined at its junction point by a chute from the cement batcher. By this means the force of the sliding aggregate is utilized to carry the cement into the mixer and prevent it from being held due to bridging.

In the ordinary plant this would be the end of the central mixing operation, but in this plant the contractor also has installed a Rex Pumpcrete machine. The concrete when mixed is discharged into an agitator cylinder. This cylinder is mounted so as to be fed by gravity from the Rex mixers. It acts as a surge chamber above a dual duplex set of Rex concrete pumps. These have a capacity of 60 cu. yd. of concrete per hour. The mixed concrete is fed alternately by the pumps into a long radius 7 in. connection into the distributing 7 in. line. No unusual difficulties have been experienced in placing concrete by this means. All of the concrete for the 17-story building (which is 240 ft. high) is to be placed in this manner.



Upper left: Chain drive at the foot of cement elevator to the cross screw conveyor in cement receiving hopper, shown at the right. Center: Cement weighing hopper, with the aggregate weighing hopper at the left and pneumatic gate control at the right behind the post. Upper right: Truck hopper for aggregates and motor driving sand agitator. Lower left: Agitator and two pumps. Right: Aggregate weighing hopper and pneumatically operated gate. Inclined cement screw conveyor from bin to cement batcher

The air supply for the pneumatically-controlled gates is supplied by a separate compressor installed in the ground floor of the plant. All of the units described are individually driven by electric motors, and in most instances by V-belt drives. The main electrical control board is located on the batcher floor level, and is under the direct observation of the operator.

### Gypsum Sales Gain

GYPSUM INDUSTRY showed healthy increases in output and sales in the second quarter of 1937 over the corresponding period for 1936, according to quarterly returns compiled by U. S. Bureau of Mines. Crude gypsum and gypsite mined

in the United States totalled 897,114 short tons, a gain of 22.3%. Imports of crude rock as reported by operators increased 75.1% and sales of uncalcined gypsum of domestic and foreign origin in the second quarter of 1937 were 13% above the corresponding period in 1936. Calcined gypsum produced from domestic and imported rock amounted to 664,616 tons, an increase of 21.8% over the 1936 period.

Sales of plasterboard and lath rose to 187,896,202 sq. ft. in the second quarter of 1937 and again showed the largest relative gain, 61.6%, of the calcined products reported. Increase in sales of other calcined products varied from 7.9% for partition tile to 26.2% for

calcined gypsum sold to potteries, terra cotta plants, plate glass works and for other manufacturing uses. Sales of base coat plasters amounted to 370,568 tons, an increase of 22% over the second quarter of 1936.

Data for the first six months of 1937 show even greater percentage increases over 1936 than were indicated for the second quarter. Crude gypsum mined in the first six months of 1937 totalled 1,503,637 tons, an increase of 38% over that for the first six months of 1936. Imports, as reported by operators, were up 83.1% and calcined gypsum produced and uncalcined gypsum rose 40.8% and 26.5%, respectively, over figures reported for the corresponding period in 1936.

	Jan.-Mar. a 1937	April-June 1936	April-June 1937	Percent of increase in 1937 (sec- ond quarter)	Jan.-June 1936	Jan.-June 1937	Percent of increase in 1937 (first half)
Number of active operators.....	33	40	40	....	41	40	....
Crude gypsum (including gypsite) mined .....Short tons	606,523	733,729	897,114	22.3	1,089,604	1,503,637	38.0
Crude gypsum imported (as reported by importers) do.	27,853	163,479	286,262	75.1	171,577	314,115	83.1
Uncalcined gypsum and gypsite sold (domestic and imported) do.	146,756	227,330	256,804	13.0	320,668	405,620	26.5
Calcined gypsum produced from do- mestic and imported rock do.	540,500	545,758	664,616	21.8	856,200	1,205,116	40.8
Calcined gypsum and gypsite products sold from domestic and imported material:							
For pottery, terra cotta, plate glass, mixing plants, etc.....do.	51,974	50,252	63,427	26.2	89,086	115,401	29.5
Keene's cement .....do.	9181	9676	10,563	10.9	15,444	19,744	27.8
Calcined plasters sold:							
Base coat plasters (exclusive of sanded plaster) .....do.	275,973	303,862	370,568	22.0	465,182	646,541	39.0
Sanded plaster .....do.	27,669	24,063	28,227	17.3	39,830	55,896	40.3
Gauging, molding and finishing plasters .....do.	51,577	42,256	48,090	13.8	70,522	90,667	41.3
Plaster board and lath sq. ft.....	149,336,631	116,258,854	187,896,202	61.6	174,076,648	337,232,833	93.7
Wall board .....do.	88,381,674	96,096,540	107,329,529	11.7	156,457,838	195,711,203	25.1
Partition tile .....do.	4,963,781	3,959,878	4,273,000	7.9	6,675,959	9,236,761	38.4
Roof tile .....do.	(b)	(b)	(b)	....	(b)	(b)	....
Other gypsum tile .....do.	(b)	(b)	(b)	....	(b)	(b)	....
Other calcined gypsum sold..Short tons	6720	8548	7805	c 8.7	13,982	14,525	3.9

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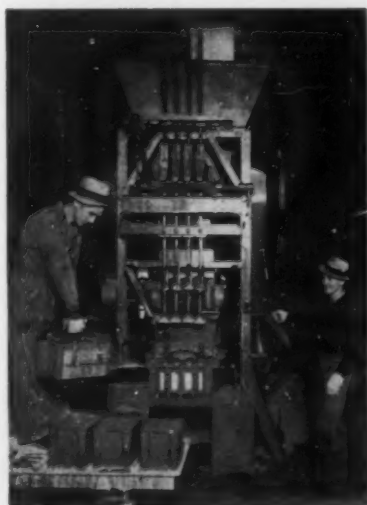
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# Seven Shapes Comprise New CONCRETE TONGUE-and-GROOVE UNITS

By I. B. SILLS

SOMETHING NEW IN CONCRETE building units has been developed by I. B. Sills of Tonganoxie, Kan., who has had 30 years' experience in concrete work. Several residences and other types of structures have been built with the new "tongue-and-groove" concrete blocks, and it is claimed that these buildings have proved to be durable, free from dampness, and well insulated. No cracks have appeared since the buildings were erected a year ago.

The "tongue-and-groove" design of the various shapes in which the block is made may be seen in one of the illustrations. As the units interlock with each other by means of the tongue-and-groove construction, no mortar is used. A water-proof cement, applied with a brush, is used in laying up the units in the wall. When it sets and cures in the wall, the cement makes

a strong bond, said to be moisture proof. Elimination of the mortar joints leaves a comparatively smooth wall which may be painted or surfaced in any way desired.



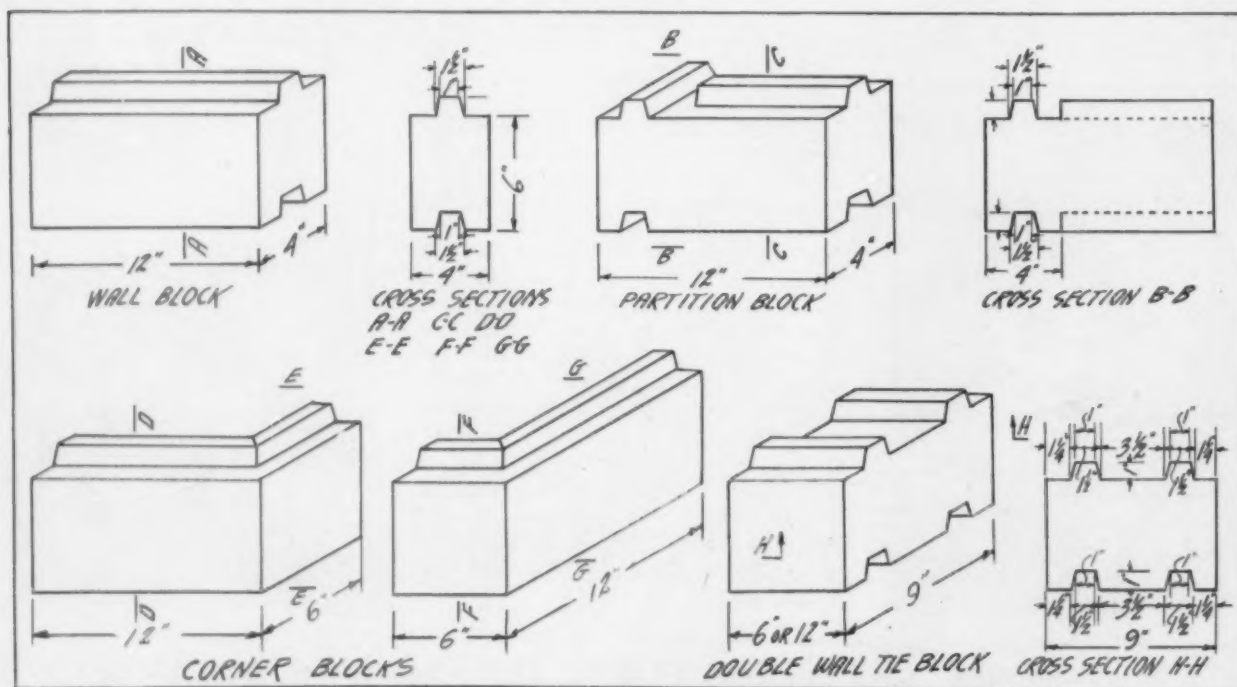
Small house built with the new tongue-and-groove concrete blocks, using inexperienced building labor

## Small Labor Cost

Very little labor is required in laying up the walls and partitions with the interlocking units, and skilled workmen are not needed. In fact, the house illustrated was constructed with the interlocking concrete units by the owner, Mr. Delmar E. DeLude of Tonganoxie, Kan., with the aid of a boy helper. Mr. DeLude never had any previous experience in concrete building construction.

Seven shapes of "tongue-and-groove" or interlocking concrete units are available: (1) Base block or water table, bedded on the foundation; (2) Straight wall block; (3) Right and left hand corner blocks; (4) Partition block; (5) Cross, wall or tie block; (6) Cap or finish block for the top of the wall; (7) window sills and lintels.

The base or water table block, laid on the foundation, has as many tongues



Construction details of the new interlocking concrete building units in which no mortar joints appear in the finished wall. Tie blocks and partition blocks interlock the entire building construction

as there are courses of the straight wall blocks. Single walls of 4 in. to 6 in. block have one tongue; double walls, 9 in. to 13 in., have two tongues. Two 4 in. blocks are used in a 9 in. wall with an inch air space between; 13 in. walls have 6 in. blocks with an inch air space.

Straight wall blocks may be made 4, 6 or 8 in. wide, and 12 in. to 16 in. long, and 6 in. to 8 in. high, all tongue-and-groove construction. The tongue is on the top and the groove is on the bottom of the block.

Corner blocks are made either single or double to fit the number of wall corners, and are right or left in order to tie the corners securely to the wall and break joints one-half way.

Cross wall or tie blocks are used to securely hold the double wall construction in place. The tie blocks are spaced in accordance with the length and height of the wall to give maximum strength.

The finishing block for the top of all walls has a smooth top, but with the necessary number of grooves on the bottom to fit down over the tongues of all wall courses. This block is made as wide as the walls and in lengths suitable for convenient laying.

#### Special Sizes

Partition blocks have a cross tongue and groove at one end of the block and at right angles, lengthwise of the block. The cross groove fits over the inside tongue of the wall and the other groove ties into the partition wall. The partition blocks are laid so that in one course, the block fits over the wall while the block in the second course abuts against the wall.

To hold the roof in place,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. or  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. rods, 6 ft. long, are suspended in the air space and anchored through a tie block at the lower end and secured to the rafters at the top. Special tongue-and-groove concrete units are made for window lintels, sills, and door thresholds to fit into the different wall thicknesses. Chimneys and fireplaces can be built up integrally with the outside walls by using partition and corner blocks combined.

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### New Concrete Block Plant In Arizona

C. J. WILKERSON, Tucson, Ariz., recently started operations in his new \$10,000 concrete block plant at the end of North First avenue. The first cement block was sent to the University of Arizona to be tested. Approximately \$7000 in machinery has been installed in the plant building, and a well for water supply has been dug. Blocks are made in 8-x8-x12-in. size. Other sizes which will be made are 4-x8-x12-in., and 8-x12-x12-in. In addition to the block, a concrete French tile will be made for use on roofs. It does not have as much arch as the Spanish tile, but is thicker and each tile interlocks with the other.

### Detroit Concrete Demonstration Home

DETROIT CONCRETE PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION, Detroit, Mich., has announced through John J. Scheel, president, that the "1938 Ideal Concrete Demonstration Home" is now being built and will be open to the public in February. The association, composed of 24 concrete products firms, is sponsoring the fabrication of a new type of dwelling to fit the average income of the public. It is said to be the first low-cost concrete demonstration home ever to be built in this territory with both first and second floors constructed with concrete joists and concrete slabs. Arthur H. Hyde, of Hyde & Williams, is the architect.

### New Rock Wool Plant At Temple

A NEWS REPORT FROM TEMPLE, TEX., states that plans are under way to start a rock wool plant in this city. Details of the principals, the factory cost, and size have not been revealed, but this information will soon be announced.

### Vacuum Concrete Floor Finishes

VACUUM CONCRETE CORP., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y., has announced a new bulletin, "Vacuum Concrete Floor Finishes", describing the use of the vacuum concrete process which removes all surplus water from concrete, eliminating the possibilities for cracks and shrinkage.

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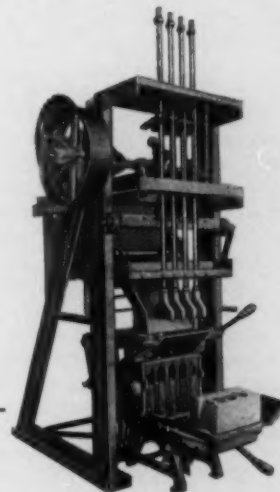


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# High Early Strength Cement Increases CURING CAPACITY

By D. S. MAC BRIDE\*

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**E**ARLY EXPERIENCE with the use of high early strength cement in concrete products manufacture indicated that repetitive casting operations were speeded up. The first products so made were pipe and precast piles. For both of these products early re-use of molds, early handling and high strength concrete are desirable. Since the cement content is high, substantial cost savings are necessary in order to show an over-all economy.

Cast-stone manufacturers also use high early strength cement for the reasons just given, and the additional reason that this type of cement has a higher cementing value. That means a given amount of cement will produce greater strength, particularly at periods up to one year. While cast-stone manufacturers want this higher strength for durability and appearance, other cement users have seen in this property an opportunity to reduce the cement content and still secure sufficient strength.

Because of this we are threatened with an unreasoned competition in the design of mixes based only on strength. While there have been few serious consequences from this mad scramble to use less and less cement, unnecessary chances have been taken.

## **Control Mix Carefully**

The use of high early strength cement in concrete building units has been slow in its development. There are several reasons for this. First, strength requirements are low and as a result mixes are already quite lean. Second, without intelligent mix design the use of premium cement frequently increases over-all material cost. True, there are resulting economies that act as an off-

set, but unless advantage be taken of greater cementing value, net savings are infrequent.

Experience has shown that high yields cannot be used with safety unless mixes are carefully designed, rigidly controlled and properly cured. It is dangerous to say that any products plant may increase the yield from 20 blocks per bag to 30 blocks per bag merely by changing the type of cement. The 20-block unit may be inferior and the 30-block unit even more so. As a result, such a change would only make a bad matter worse. The only safe approach is on the basis of each individual plant as a separate and distinct problem.

Aggregates should be studied to determine the number of separations that should be made, and the manner in which these separations should be recombined to produce the desired properties, be they strength, density, nailability, lightweight, or early handling. Then these combined aggregates should be mixed with various proportions of high early strength cement, ordinary cement and water, and the resultant properties of the hardened units determined. Study the effect of varying the duration and the conditions of curing upon strength, breakage and length of stock pile storage. Accuracy of control in proportioning, mixing, molding and curing should be determined so that the influence of variations in these details on the finished product may be known.

## **Increasing Curing Capacity**

Many plants are now working at capacity and could handle more business. Manufacturing capacity in most cases is limited by curing chamber capacity. Anything that increases the output of the curing chambers makes possible a corresponding increase in the daily production of the machines.

Due to its chemical composition, high

early strength cement reaches a given degree of curing in a materially shorter time. That may mean 12 hours or even eight hours curing will prove as effective as 24 hours. It is obvious, however, that with curing capacity doubled or trebled, production schedules may be correspondingly increased with no change in investment or overhead. In other words, products made on a multiple shift operation basis should be cheaper than those made on a single shift.

## **Typical Experiences**

Typical current experiences from several parts of the country, which follow, illustrate in detail some of the methods used to secure maximum production of quality products.

For example, a New England manufacturer serves an area in which cities require block strengths varying from 700 lb. to 1200 lb. per square inch. This manufacturer makes all of his blocks to meet the highest requirement. The product is a Straub block having about 45 percent air space. To obtain the required strength with ordinary portland cement he used 375 lb. of cinders per bag. With high early strength cement, he is now using 490 lb. resulting in an increased yield of about 30 percent, sufficient to overcome the cost difference in the two cements. A similar yield increase was obtained on his sand and gravel units. Low pressure steam curing for 15 hours was formerly necessary to produce a one day strength of 425 lb. Now with high early strength cement, the units have a one day strength of 650 lb. after but 10 hours curing. While this plant has not gone on to two-shift operation, it is obvious that with a 10-hour release on pallets and cars the same equipment is sufficient for full two-shift operation.

For 3000 unit daily production, 6000 pallets were formerly needed but with

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high early strength cement and the same production rate, 3300 pallets are sufficient. This operator finds no difference in the time required on stock piles because sandlime brick competition has forced him to build storage sheds and carry a large stock.

An eastern manufacturer making cinder products changes to high early strength cement in the fall and winter, in order to secure the required strengths within two weeks, using his standard curing procedure and outside stock piles.

A large Ohio producer of limestone aggregate blocks uses a carefully controlled process throughout. Working under a city code requiring 1000 lb. block at 28 days, he has set 1200 lb. as his minimum strength. This meant a yield of 24 block (45 percent air space) using washed limestone sand, 1/4-in. maximum size limestone coarse aggregate, and ordinary cement. After experimenting he found that high early strength cement would maintain a 1200 lb. 28-day value with a yield of 33 1/2 block per bag. These block test over 1000 lb. in seven days.

Another Ohio producer uses high early strength cement for all products other than machine made block. These include cinder concrete floor joists, roof and floor slabs and also sills and lintels. Using a 1:5 cement cinder mix, table vibrated, 3-day strengths average 1980 lb. and 28-day values range from 4000 to 4800 lb.

Following a careful examination of aggregates, the design of the mix using three aggregate sizes instead of two, and the change to high early strength cement, a trans-Mississippi manufacturer increased his yield from 20 to 30 block per day. Steam curing decreased from 24 hours to 12 hours, strengths increased from 1100 lb. at 28 days to 1100 lb. at seven days. Material costs decreased 1/2c per unit. Stock on hand decreased 50 percent, pallet requirements also decreased. In this city there is another plant using these same aggregates to produce concrete joists. By means of a re-design of the mix, six sacks of high early strength cement per cubic yard are now used in place of 7 1/2 sacks. Material costs remain the same. But concrete strengths of over 2500 lb. per square inch are now secured at 3 days. In the absence of test data, it is safe to assume that this same strength was not developed by the former mix in less than two weeks. Joists made with high early strength cement are handled in from 8 to 12 hours after casting; manufacturing capacity has increased with no additional equipment; breakage is greatly reduced; storage time at the plant cut 50 percent and smoother, better looking products secured.

Shrinkage due to drying out should not be overlooked. There is danger that, having the necessary strength, units will be placed in the wall before they have become volume constant. A change in cement does not materially affect the amount of shrinkage due to drying out but may shorten the period over which it occurs. The same care should be exercised to insure delivery of blocks from which excess moisture has been removed as was found necessary with other types of cement.

## Conveyor Accident

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lated for their own protection should be severely disciplined.

2. Provide stiles where it is necessary to cross, with steps and platform supported by floor and not by conveyor box lid. Insist that these stiles be used.

3. Inspect, repair and replace. If you have not included conveyor lids in plant inspections, start now. The Navy divides a ship into sections down to the last square foot and assigns each section to a man who must rigidly inspect it and report every day. He is held strictly accountable for reporting the slightest change, even the tiniest scratch, in his section, for expert attention.

Several years ago Jack Dempster, director of safety of Canada Cement Company, Ltd., said this:

"When you were a little boy do you remember how, while you were watching so intently as your mother turned the handle of a food chopper, you loved to give the crank a twist yourself? You remember how she warned you against getting your fingers in the top of the hopper with the meat! She told you that if you got your hand in there while the crank was being turned, your fingers would be cut off and ground up just as easily as the meat she used. Ever after you showed respect for that meat grinder; you knew what it would do if you were not careful, and you never let it get a chance.

"The only difference between the old meat chopper you have at home and a screw conveyor is that your chopper is turned by hand and can be stopped instantly, but the screw conveyor has a powerful motor turning it and it doesn't stop for small things such as a piece of meat. It is intended to convey, but a man's leg, his arm, his whole body can be drawn into the screw and ground up, and has been ground up, exactly the same as your food chopper grinds meat.

"Watch those conveyors; take no chances with them; do not leave them uncovered, for no more fiendish, hellish instrument of torture and death has ever been invented."

## Buffalo Vault Company Expands

BUFFALO WILBERT VAULT CO., Buffalo, N. Y., has purchased the former Salamanca Panel Co., building in Salamanca, N. Y., which will be used in housing plant facilities for the manufacture of asphalt and concrete vaults by a patented process. This company, which has 105 plants located throughout the country, will build burial vaults in the Salamanca plant for sale in the Jamestown-Olean-Bradford area. Twelve men will be employed in the factory for the initial operations.

## Ready Mix Plant for Logansport, Ind.

THE TRANSIT MIXED CONCRETE CORP., Logansport, Ind., has started operation from its new plant at North Third street and the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks. John A. De Grief, president and general manager of the new firm, was formerly with the San-Gra Stone Co., a sand and gravel concern. The Transit Mixed Concrete Corporation will operate trucks equipped with motor-driven cement mixers. Sand, gravel, and cement is mixed in accordance with specifications and delivered directly to the job.

## Silica Industry Growing in California

THE EMSCO REFRACTORIES, INC., Los Angeles, Calif., recently acquired a group of silica claims one mile south of route U. S. 60, and five miles west of Quartzsite. A seven-man crew is engaged in mining the rock, and dump trucks are busy hauling loads to Blythe, Calif., for shipment to the company's plant in Los Angeles. The silica deposit near Quartzsite is said to run about 95 percent pure. Formerly, the company obtained its silica supplies near Victorville but since the new deposits are superior in quality the old claims have been abandoned.

## Concrete Pavement Yardage

Awards of concrete pavement for September, 1937, have been announced by the Portland Cement Association as follows:

Type of Construction	Sq. yd. awarded during Sept. 1937	Total sq. yd. for year to date Oct. 2, 1937
Roads .....	4,499,085	32,643,736
Streets .....	1,509,269	10,617,377
Alleys .....	50,339	429,705
Total .....	6,058,693	43,690,818

RHODE ISLAND CONCRETE PIPE CO., Providence, R. I., recently suffered a loss of records and other equipment when a fire recently damaged its office building at 365 Charles street.



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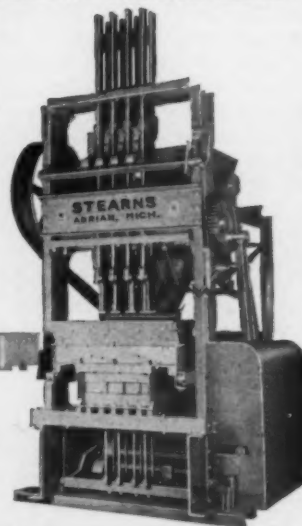
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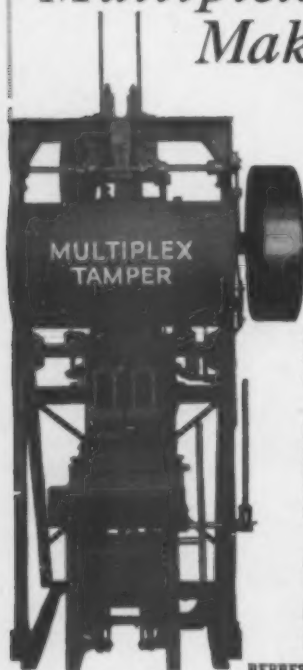
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## Special Equipment Used In **PRECASTING WORLD'S LARGEST PIPE**

By JOHN R. MARCY

**T**HE LARGEST CONCRETE PIPE ever made is now being used on the main distribution line of the Colorado River Aqueduct near Upland, Calif. Its manufacture called for the development of totally new equipment and many new processes.

To meet the production requirements for 16 miles of pipe, the American Concrete and Steel Pipe Co., of Los Angeles, found it necessary to set up a complete new fabrication plant at a cost of about \$250,000. Practically all of the equipment has been designed and constructed in the company's shops, and some of it has been patented. The plant's daily

schedule of 16 of the giant sections requires about 325 cu. yd. of concrete and 40 tons of reinforcing steel.

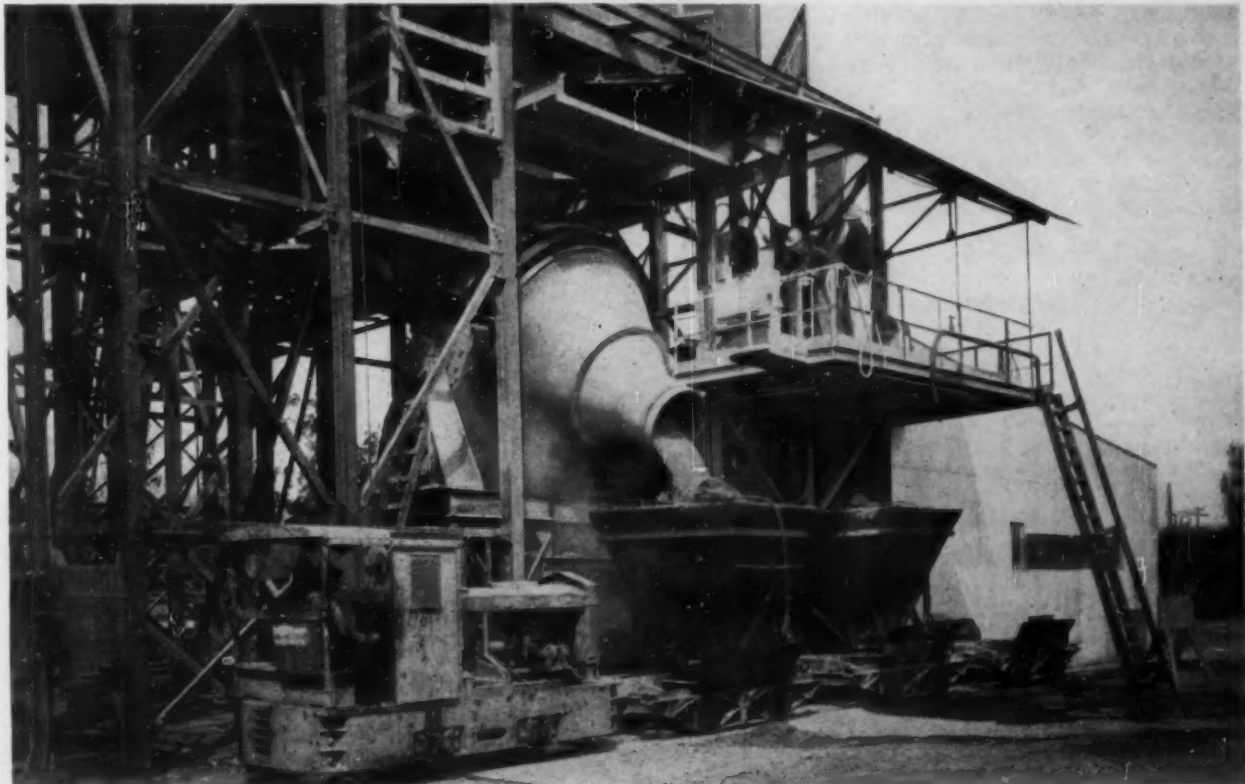
Pipe sections are made in 12-ft. lengths, 13 in. thick, with an inside diameter of 12 ft. 8 in. Each section contains 20½ cu. yd. of concrete and 2½ tons of steel, the whole weighing 43 tons.

### **Special Machine Winds Pipe Reinforcing Steel**

Two layers of steel reinforcement are used in each section, an inner circular system and an outer elliptical layer. These are wound in continuous spirals

into the assembly and welded to longitudinal rods. The cages are wound on a specially designed machine which gives any desired spacing to the windings, according to the speed of the winding drum. Six-foot coils of steel are fed through a machine which travels at a fixed rate along the side of the drum and unwinds the steel at a rate corresponding to the turning of the cage. When completed, the cage is picked up by a gantry crane and set on end, ready for placing in the forms.

The pipe sections are cast vertically in forms, consisting of inner and outer jackets and bottom and top rings. The



Batching plant for manufacture of precast concrete pipe which will be used in the main distribution line of the Colorado River Aqueduct. A 4-yd. Mixer discharges concrete to 2-yd. cars which are lifted by crane to the pouring hopper

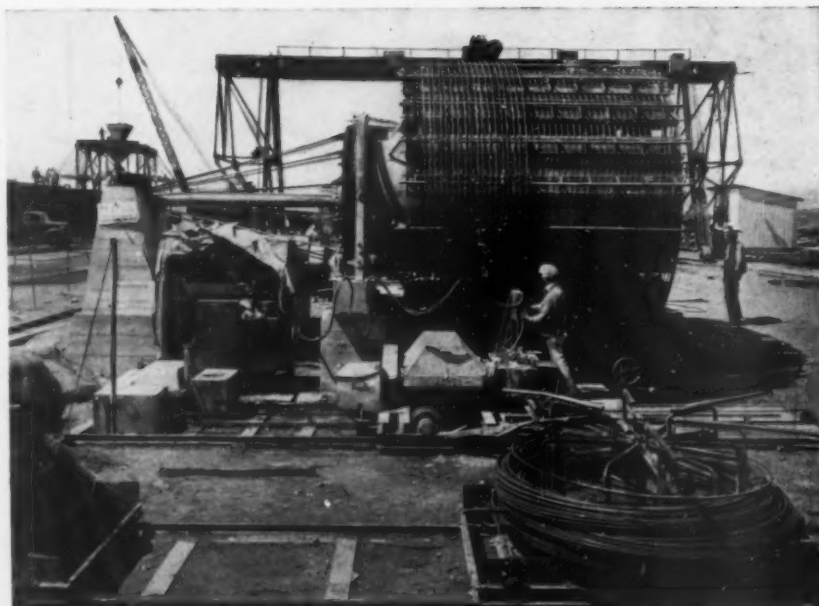
inner form has a small collapsible section of inflated firehose with 2¾ in. of contraction to facilitate removal. Setting permanently in concrete in a single line along the side of a track are 48 steel bottom rings, an arrangement which makes continuous pouring possible, for each section must stand for 72 hours before being moved, and since 16 sections is the plant's daily capacity, the first day's pouring has stood the required time when the cycle is complete.

The concrete mixing plant is of the most modern design. Aggregate is trucked from commercial producers and elevated to bins over the batchers to provide gravity feed. All material is batched by weight, the scales being provided with electric eyes and interlocking mechanisms to insure accuracy. A 4-yd. mixer empties into 2 yd. bucket cars on tracks.

#### External Pipe Vibrators

These buckets are lifted by a crane and emptied into the hopper of the pouring gantry. As the concrete rises in the form, three external type vibrators are used on the outside form. This system of external vibration, developed by the company, is undoubtedly one of the most important and unusual features of the pipe casting.

Long square steel rods are rotated and vibrated for about 20 minutes along the inside of the forms at 700 r.p.m. by means of small air-operated motors. This results in practically eliminating air and water pockets, a thorough compacting of the concrete, and a great reduction in surface defects.



Winding the steel reinforcement for the pipe with a special machine which takes ¾-in. rod from a coil shown in the foreground

After a section is completed, steam from underground lines is introduced on the inside of the pipe. This curing continues during the night, the temperature of the whole section being raised to about 100 deg. F. The outside form is then removed, and the section left standing on the base ring. A coal-tar curing compound is immediately applied, followed by a coat of whitewash.

After standing for a total of 72 hours, a system of steel braces is placed inside the section, the gantry tips it to a hori-

zontal position, and it is rolled into the storing yard. Here it is water cured for 12 days by a clock-controlled sprinkling device which provides a 15-second sprinkling period every 20 minutes.

The pipe is hauled in 50-ton trailers to the ditch where a sling is placed around the section, and it is lifted and placed by a 48-ft. straddling gantry. Joints are mortared and rodded, and a backfill concrete cradle to support the bottom is poured.

H. H. Jenkins, vice-president of the American Concrete and Steel Pipe Co., is in general charge of the construction work, and W. A. Whiting is general superintendent. Donald Rankin is superintendent of the fabrication plant, and J. S. McConnell is in charge of installation operations.

#### Wage Agreement Made By Cement Plant

SPOKANE PORTLAND CEMENT CO., Irvin, Wash., has announced a wage agreement with the A. F. of L. cement workers' local, providing for an increase of eight cents an hour and a minimum scale of 58 cents an hour.

#### Project Completed Plant Closes

ALPHA PORTLAND CEMENT CO., Rowlesburg, W. Va., plant has been closed for an indefinite period, according to local reports. This plant furnished a large part of the cement used in the \$18,000,000 Tygarts Valley flood control dam at Grafton.



Gantry crane lifting and turning large pipe section protected with steel braces. Concrete is poured through the conical chute shown suspended from the top of the gantry

# New

# MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT

## Low Voltage Linestarters

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC & MANUFACTURING Co., E. Pittsburgh, Penn., has announced a new totally oil-immersed line starter, known as low voltage type DNO, for explosion-proof and corrosion resisting service. This new line starter was designed for starting squirrel cage motors in cement mills, and in similar applications where either corrosive or explosive gases may be present. The



Oil-immersed, line starter for explosion-proof and corrosion-resisting service

combination starters provide in one oil tank, complete corrosion-resisting motor control, motor disconnect switch and circuit protective device. They are adaptable for wall or frame mounting, with tapped holes for conduits on top. Ends and back of top casting may be tapped for conduit. Overload protection is provided by two thermal induction oil-immersed automatic reset overload relays. Low voltage protection is obtained with three-wire push button control. Safety is assured by interlocking breaker handle with the tank so that the latter cannot be lowered unless the breaker handle is in the "off" position. Furthermore, the breaker cannot be closed with tank lowered unless the interlock is deliberately tripped. In addition to the breaker and starter combination unit described above, there is also available a combination unit with non-automatic disconnect switch and a plain starter without disconnect.

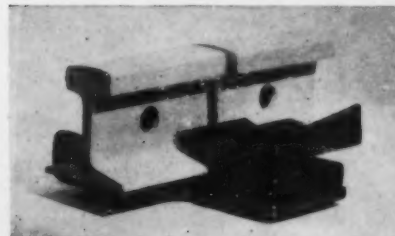
THE HIPPLE LABORATORIES, Temple, Penn., announces HILAB, a patented dressing for all types of belt, that is said to be new and different from any other dressing now on the market. The dressing, besides serving as a belt preservative, has been developed for use in

very dusty conditions to prevent slippage. HILAB is available in 1/2-, 1- and 5-gal. drums.

## Rail Splicer For Temporary Tracks

PORTABLE LAMP & EQUIPMENT Co., Pittsburgh, Penn., is now producing a rail splicer for temporary tracks laid in stone and lime quarries. This splicer eliminates the use of fish plates, bolts, and nuts, and embodies several features which offer definite advantages. Ease and speed of applying is accomplished by reason of its special design.

The splicer is made in three parts, the main section, wedge plate and wedge. The main section fits under, and flush against the inside of the rails being joined. Two lugs on this part engage the rail holes, and the plate which is held in place by a wedge, locks the



No fish plates are required with new rail splicer for temporary tracks laid in quarries

splicer against the outside section of rails, and against the rail flange thus bringing the splicer in direct contact with three sides of the joined rail.

## Four Wheel Scraper Easily Maneuvered

BUCYRUS-ERIE Co., South Milwaukee, Wis., has brought out a new four wheel scraper for the excavating field. Using a three point suspension, and with ample clearance to swivel the front wheels under the frame, this scraper can be maneuvered in short, sharp turns, making a complete circle within the radius of its own length. Because all four wheels are inside the path of the cutting edge, it digs full width in close quarters, and cuts right up against the bank or other obstructions. The dumping action is simple, fast, and positive. The bowl backs away and tilts forward sharply, while the apron tips and slides ahead—both to an almost perpendicular position. A "double-curve" cutting edge

is constructed to deliver a combined shearing cut and scooping action. The dirt boils up inside the bowl, funneling up into a full heaping load. In spreading, the scraper blade is used to level off the dump, resulting in an even, accurate spread of the dirt. The Bucyrus-Erie four-wheel scraper is regulated by an easy-running, single cable operating over a minimum number of sheaves from the drum power unit on the tractor. One control lever, conveniently placed, gives the operator instant and positive control of his loading, hauling, dumping, and spreading operations. The scraper is manufactured in two sizes, 4 1/2-yd. capacity and 7-yd. capacity level measure.

## Outdoor Cable Terminator

DELTA STAR ELECTRIC Co., Chicago, Ill., has announced an improved three-conductor terminator. Used on a 27 k.v., 500 amp. cable, it is rated 34.5 k.v., and has an 18-in. striking distance between phases at the porcelain bushings. The body is of high strength aluminum alloy,



Three-conductor cable terminator is rated at 34.5 k.v. on a 27 k.v., 500 amp. cable

so designed that the amount of filling compound is a minimum, giving low shrinkage effect.

Separately mounted wet process porcelain bushings permit field replacement without disturbing other bushings. Cemented joints are absent and no current is carried through threaded joints. Vacuum and water tight, they may be oil or compound filled. An inverted type wiping sleeve entrance is supplied, permitting the use of a wiped cable joint with the terminator mounted on conduit.

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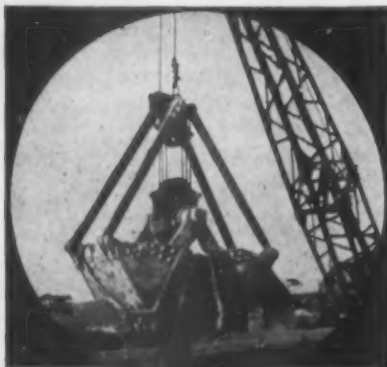
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## THE INDUSTRY

### New Incorporations

Tacoma Gravel and Supply Co., Tacoma, Wash., \$10,000 to deal in building materials. P. H. Bowman, Harold Stauffer and Jay M. Webb, incorporators.

Cotton State Portland Cement Co., Jackson, Miss., was formed for the purpose of manufacture, buying, selling and dealing in cement of all kinds, lime, limestone, plaster and natural and artificial stone with a capital stock of \$1,500,000—90,000 shares non par stock common 36,000 shares 6 percent preferred at \$50 per share. Incorporators are: W. Horace Williams, 833 Howard Ave., New Orleans, La.; C. L. Till, Jackson, Miss.; Charles A. Till, Fayette, Miss.; C. E. Robbs, Leland, Miss.; Gus B. Grover, N. Atchez, Miss.; Evon A. Ford, Taylorsville, Miss.; W. T. Wynn, Greenville, Miss., and A. G. Deer, Jackson, Miss.

Eastern Feldspar & Mining Assn., Inc., Boston, Mass., and Phippsburg, Me. Incorporated for the sum of \$50,000—2000 preferred shares at \$20 each and 1250 common shares par value \$. Officers are President William L. Adams; treasurer, H. Elliott Johnson; clerk, Robert Gurnett.

Arkholia Sand and Gravel Co., Arkansas, Okla. Incorporated by Katherine Manton, 211 State Capitol Bldg., Oklahoma City for \$10,000.

Walker Cement Products Co., 84 Washington St., Hoboken, N. J. Isidore H. Brand, Agent. Capital stock of 3500 no par value shares authorized. Incorporators all of 84 Washington St., are: I. H. Brand, eight shares; H. Verdicchio and H. E. Pierson, one share each.

Republic Portland Cement Co., San Antonio, Texas, has changed its name to Longhorn Portland Cement Co. same address.

Kokomo Ready Mixed Concrete Corp., 1217 S. Washington St., Kokomo, Ind. resident agent C. W. Botts. Incorporated to manufacture concrete and building and paving materials by C. W. Botts, Mary Belle Botts and John W. Botts with a capital stock of 100 shares no par value.

Steel Protection and Chemical Co., 305 Merchants National Bank Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind. Loris R. Rogers, Esther J. Rogers and Howard P. Travis are the incorporators. Howard P. Travis is the company's resident agent and his address is 1003 Railway Exchange Bldg., Indianapolis. Capital stock 450 shares preferred of \$100 par value and 1000 shares common stock no par value. To manufacture tar, asphalt, cement and allied products.

Green Brothers Gravel Co., Lexington, Miss., has been dissolved as a partnership and become an incorporation retaining the established name and adding the Incorporate. The officers of the corporation are John B. Green, president, H. G. Ladouceur, secretary and Heyward Green, treasurer.

### Personals

Dr. H. Foster Bain, who has recently been in China and Japan, has returned to Manila where he can be reached at the Manila Hotel. Dr. Bain will spend much of the coming year in the Far East acting as Advisor on Mining to the Commonwealth of the Philippines.

Alton J. Black was made a vice-president and a technical director of Cementos Atoyac, S. A. He will continue in his capacity as chemical director for the Cement Process Corp., for whom he made a visit to this country.

D. R. Collins, better known as "Spec" Collins lately assistant to the director of promotion of the Portland Cement Association and formerly assistant secretary of the National Concrete Masonry Association,

has resigned his position with the P. C. A. to become associated with The Buchen Co., Chicago, Ill.

Mr. M. I. Dorfan, former dust division manager of Blaw-Knox Co., Pittsburgh, Penn., has been reemployed by the Pangborn Corp., Hagerstown, Md., under the title of Dust Control Specialist.

John Howe Hall has resigned as technical assistant to the president of Taylor Wharton Iron & Steel Co., High Bridge, N. J., to engage in private practice as a consulting engineer and metallurgist at High Bridge, N. J.

Charles F. Lewis, plant manager of the Volunteer Portland Cement Co., Knoxville, Tenn., has gone to Puerto Rico to supervise the installation of a government cement plant there. He is expected to return shortly.

O. N. Lindahl, director Chicago Chapter, Controllers Institute of America and comptroller and secretary Universal Atlas Cement Co., presided at the annual national meeting of the Institute in New York, October 4.

Albert H. Schaefer, Rahway, N. J., assistant secretary of the Lawrence Portland Cement Co., New York, N. Y., was elected State vice councillor of the Junior Order of American Mechanics at the organization's convention in Atlantic City, N. J., on October 14. He was previously state council conductor.

W. J. Stewart, vice president of the Marblehead Lime Co., 1220 R. A. Long Building, Kansas City, Mo., has retired from active service after thirty-five years of service with the company.

P. E. Roberts is the new works manager of the United States Gypsum Company's

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plant in Greenville, Miss. Mr. Roberts came from Lisbon Falls, Maine, where he held a similar position with the company.

## Obituaries

George F. Coffin, Sr., secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Nazareth Portland Cement Co. and former president of the Cement Institute, died October 25 in his home at Nazareth, Penn. He was 67.

Mr. Coffin was a graduate from Lafayette College in the class of '94. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1896. He was appointed one of the original referees in bankruptcy in 1898 and held that position in Easton until his death. Outside of his bankruptcy work he was never active in the practice of law. He took an early interest in the cement industry and served several terms as a member of the board of directors of the Portland Cement Association.

Alfred Milton Luttrell, 57, of Brooksville, Fla., Consolidated Rock Products Co. superintendent for the past 11 years, died October 15 at a Tampa hospital.

Percy C. Brooks, former executive vice-president of Fairbanks Morse & Co., died at his home in Chicago, Ill., October 15 after a lingering illness of about a year. He was 55.

Colonel Clarence R. Falk, secretary and treasurer, The Falk Corp., Milwaukee, Wis., who has lived a very varied life, died in early October. Born in Milwaukee, he began his business career in the Savings Department of the First Wisconsin National Bank. Later he became dramatic critic for one of the daily papers. He was then identified with the Cloos Electrical Engineering Co., and in 1901 became associated with the Falk Corp., where he served in various capacities. He entered the World War as a Captain and remained in service until the end of the war when he became a Lieutenant Colonel.

Hugh O'Connor, president, Michigan Wire Cloth Co., Detroit, Mich., died last July 17 at the age of 74.

Charles B. Casten, 48, vice president of the Clear Lake Sand and Gravel Co., died while at work on top of a 25-ft. scaffold and inspecting a pulley box.

Bert G. Hoadley, 61, pioneer limestone quarry owner at Eagle River, Wis., died of a heart attack on September 12 in Bloomington, Ind.

## Crushed Stone

Junction City, Kan.: Geary county commissioners have purchased a new rock crusher and a highway maintainer on a rental basis. Capacity of the crusher is ten tons of stone per hour.

Rockford, Ill.: The city street committee has approved a five year lease at \$500 a year for the quarry on Horsman street. About 5000 cu. yd. of stone will be produced annually, with the payments applying on the eventual purchase price of \$10,000 for the quarry.

Traer, Iowa: Tama county board of supervisors has opened one of its three quarries and is now in operation with WPA labor.

Osceola, Mo.: Maynard C. Hunt and Harold Bullard have installed a new power unit and compressor in their quarry. The owners are trucking chat, crushed stone and agstone and plan to ship flux in the near future.

Newton, N. C.: A WPA grant of \$8380 has been approved for the city's rock quarry project. Stone is being used for surfacing of city streets.

Des Moines, Iowa: The city has purchased a rock crusher and is preparing for the first time to crush its own rock for street improvement projects.

## Manufacturers

Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co., Chicago, Ill., announces the opening of a direct factory sales and service branch at 119 West Second South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. Otto A. Ray has been appointed manager.

Worthington Pump and Machinery Corp., Harrison, N. J., has announced through President H. C. Beaver that unfilled orders were at the highest level in 17 years, and the number of corporation employees was greater than at any other time during the past 10 years.

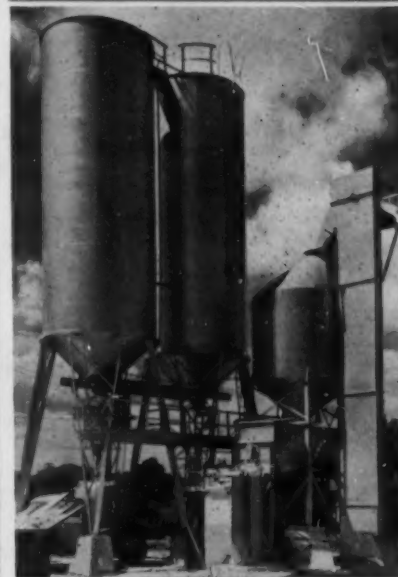
Hardinge Co., Inc., York, Penn., has announced the return of Harlowe Hardinge, vice president and general manager, from an extended trip to the West, Canada and northern and eastern parts of the United States. He attended the American Mining Congress in Salt Lake City where he was met by Managers G. A. Wallerstedt and T. B. H. Askin, of the Hardinge offices in San Francisco and Denver, respectively.

Marion Steam Shovel Co., Marion, Ohio, reports that John P. Courtright has been made sales manager with headquarters at the general office in Marion. He has been succeeded by Mr. Steward as district manager at Chicago, Ill.

Link-Belt Co., Chicago, Ill., at the last quarterly meeting elected William C. Carter and Edward J. Burnell as vice presidents. Mr. Carter, a mechanical engineering graduate of the University of Illinois, joined the Link-Belt organization in 1902, and has served his company in important official capacities. Before his recent promotion, Mr. Carter was in charge of company production. Mr. Burnell, a graduate in mechanical engineering of Lehigh University, entered the service of the Link-Belt Co. in 1913. He has been active in the sales organization, and his most recent position was general sales manager of the western division territory with headquarters in Chicago, and more recently general manager of the Pershing Road Chicago plant.

The Manhattan Rubber Mfg. Div. of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., Passaic, N. J., was awarded honorable mention for their industrial trade paper advertising at the annual convention of the National Industrial Advertisers Association held in Chicago.

## THE BROOKS-TAYLOR Lime Putty Plant



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Black-Brolier, Inc., building supply dealers in Houston, are now supplying the contractors, brick masons and plasterers in their city with Ready-Mixed aged lime putty-sanded brick mortar and aged lime putty for plaster from this standard Brooks-Taylor Lime Putty Plant.

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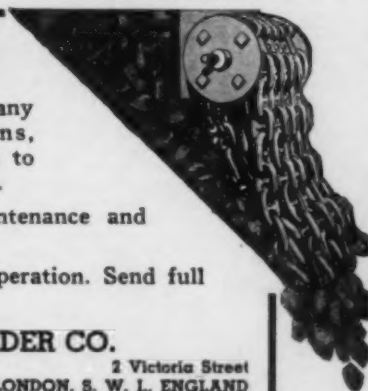
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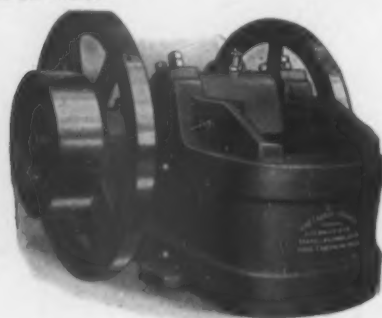
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## Autoclave Test

American Society for Testing Materials has sent to all members of Committee C-7 on Lime a communication from W. C. Hanna, chief chemist and chemical engineer for the California Portland Cement Co., on the Autoclave method of testing for soundness of lime. Members have been advised that December 1 has been fixed as the deadline for submitting data on this subject. Mr. Hanna's letter is quoted:

"We do not believe that the autoclave test should be abandoned as we have found it to be a valuable tool in protecting the quality of our products. We believe the test should be modified so as to remove variables. The amount of water used in making the pat mixture and the manner of mixing the pat should be rightly specified as we have found these factors have a direct bearing on the results of the autoclave test.

"We also question the necessity of running the autoclave test at such a high pressure as 120 lb. per sq. in. If the test were carried out at a lower pressure the rate of hydration of magnesia would be lower. If damaging expansion is a function of too high a rate of hydration of magnesia a proper reduction of this rate would be a step in the right direction."

Statement of the Ownership, Management, Circulation, Etc., Required by the Act of Congress of March 3, 1933.

Of Rock Products, published monthly at Chicago, Illinois, for October 1, 1937.

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss.  
Before me, a notary public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Geo. C. Williams, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the business manager of the Rock Products and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

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## Prices Bid—Contracts Let

LINCOLN, ILL.: Lincoln Sand and Gravel Co. has been awarded a contract for graveling one mile of road on a state-aid route north of Latham, Ill. The bid was \$1.88 per cu. yd.

BERKLEY, CALIF.: State Procurement Office, U. S. Treasury Department, awarded contract for 9000 tons crusher run rock delivered at Wildcat Canyon Road to the Hutchinson Co., Oakland, Calif. at \$1.80 a ton.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.: United States Engineers accepted bid of Consumers Rock and Cement Co., San Francisco, Calif., to furnish 10,000 cu. yd. ready-mixed concrete at \$7.70 a cu. yd. Concrete is to be used in constructing seacoast defenses at Fort Funston.

MENDOTA, ILL.: Western Sand and Gravel Co., Spring Valley, Ill., was recently awarded the contract for black topping Meridian St. at a bid of \$2207.77.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.: Prices of sand and gravel in the Los Angeles trade area were advanced 5c per ton to a base of 55c at the plant, effective October 1. Present prices are the lowest in years.

Col. J. B. Maclean, 7 Austin Terrace, Toronto, Canada.

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GEO. C. WILLIAMS,  
Business Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of September, 1937.

(Seal) FLORENCE L. PRINCE.

(My commission expires May 14, 1940.)

ROCK PRODUCTS



## Rock Wool Cupola

SUPERIOR BODY CO., INC., Marion, Ind., has designed and is now marketing a cupola used quite extensively in Indiana in the process of rock wool manufacture by utilizing a coke fire. The illustration shows a rock wool cupola made for a company operating in Indiana.



Cupola used in the manufacture of rock wool, utilizing a coke fire

When in operation, the cupola sets on a stand, shown in the illustration, and a 20-ft. smoke stack is placed on top of the cupola. The stand is 3 ft. high; the cupola proper, 8 ft. high; charging dome, 4 ft. high; tapered dome, 5 ft. high; stack connection, 2 ft. high; 20 ft. of stack, making a total height of 42 ft. for the installation.

In this unit, rock wool is manufactured by melting a certain type of Indiana limestone in a coke fire, similar in principle to the method of melting grey iron in a coke-fired cupola.

## New Drill

KEYSTONE DRILLER CO., Beaver Falls, Penn., is now in production on the Model 80 series, all-steel drills. It is designed for full crawler traction, non-traction wheel, skid or for truck mounting. Cable reel capacity is 1900 ft.  $\frac{3}{8}$  in.;



Steel drill, designed for full crawler traction, non-traction wheel, skid or for truck mounting

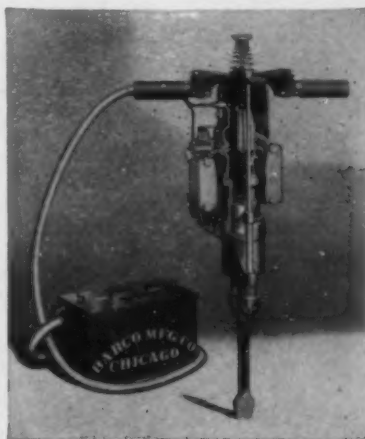
2650 ft.  $\frac{3}{4}$  in.; or 3800 ft.  $\frac{5}{8}$  in.; wire drill cable on storage side of main drum. The cable reel is equipped with a double "V" brake of high efficiency. The sand reel capacity is as follows: 1150 ft.  $\frac{9}{16}$  in.; 1450 ft.  $\frac{1}{2}$  in.; 1850 ft.  $\frac{7}{16}$  in.; or 2500 ft.  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. wire line on working side of divider. On storage side the capacity is: 3050 ft.  $\frac{9}{16}$  in.; 3870 ft.  $\frac{1}{2}$  in.; 5000 ft.  $\frac{7}{16}$  in.; or 6800 ft.  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. wire line. Sand reel is chain driven through friction clutch.

Fine selective adjustments are provided for pitmans to walking beams. The derrick is a heavy duty oil field design with a crown pulley, calf pulley and sand line pulley. To the center of the crown pulley, the standard length of the derrick is 45 ft. The casing reel is mounted on the front posts, and is powered from the crank shaft through heavy roller chain. Easy handling is afforded by a brake wheel 20 in. in diameter with a 5 in. face.

At an engine speed of 1455 r.p.m., the sand line speed is 310 ft. on an empty drum to 950 ft. per minute on a full drum. The drilling line speed is from 130 f.p.m. on an empty drum to 438 f.p.m. on a full drum. Power may be furnished by gasoline or Diesel engines or electric motor.

## Portable Gasoline Hammers

BARCO MANUFACTURING CO., Chicago, Ill., has developed two new portable gasoline hammer models; one known



Gasoline-operated portable hammer has new timing device

as the H-6 heavy duty type, weight 89 lb., the other Model J-2, weighing about 70 lb. Changes incorporated in the new models consist of a new timing device and rearrangement of the bottom end. The tie rod springs have been eliminated and in place of them an internal cushion spring is used. When lifting the hammer for a new location, this spring takes the shock of the blow, ma-

terially reducing the impact shock to other parts. The changes also result in giving the hammer slightly more power and reducing the vibration somewhat. A new quick acting lock for the tool is another of the features, and various other minor improvements have been incorporated. The heavy duty, Model H-6, is recommended for pavement and rock breaking, shallow drilling, backfill tamping, asphalt cutting, sheeting driving and general demolition work. The small Model J-2 has been developed for continuous drilling, and with it there is available a complete set-up including a small portable compressor for ease in transportation to the interior and other inaccessible locations.

## Two-Stage Pump For Limited Space

FAIRBANKS, MORSE & CO., Chicago, Ill., has developed a two-stage built-together pump (pump and motor built together)



Two-stage pump operates against heads up to 500 ft.

to operate against heads up to 500 ft. In many applications it offers a less expensive alternative for multi-stage and split-case pumps, and its compactness and sturdiness qualify it for portable and semi-portable as well as stationary service. The new pump is well adapted for all classes of general pumping service with liquids low in viscosity and free from excessive foreign matter. Because of its compact design, the pump is especially advantageous where space is limited. No special foundation is required; the pump is complete in itself.

## Furnace Bonding Mortar

HARRISON-WALKER REFRACTORIES CO., Pittsburgh, Penn., is now producing an improved Harwaco Bond, or high temperature bonding mortar, said to have better refractory and working qualities. The improved product has a pyrometric cone equivalent of Cone 32 (3092 deg. F). Use of this diaspore-base bonding mortar in place of mortar, consisting essentially of fire clay, is reported to be increasing for laying fireclay, super-duty fireclay, and high-alumina brick where a strong bond must be maintained at the upper limits of industrial furnace operating temperatures.



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# About this Question of Federal Legislation

## What Can The Sand and Gravel and Ready Mixed Concrete Industries Expect As to The

### **Black-Connery Wage and Hour Bill?**

Will this bill pass at the special or regular session? How seriously will it affect wages and hours and labor conditions in the industries? Will its operation influence labor costs in 1938?

### **Labor Disputes Act?**

What effect has this law had on labor relationships in the industries? Does the law really cover the industries? Will it be amended at the next session?

### **Federal Tax Laws?**

Has the surtax on undistributed corporate profits retarded the industrial building market? Does the law operate unfairly on small companies and those with debt retirement obligations? Will it undergo drastic revision at the next Congress?

### **Federal-aid For Highways?**

Will Congress renew the regular Federal-aid

highway program for the calendar years 1939 and 1940? Does the Administration look with favor on this type of Federal expenditure? What part has the Federal Government played in the development of the highway program?

### **Federal Anti-trust Laws?**

What is the policy of the Administration toward anti-trust law enforcement? Will there be a drastic revision of these laws at the next session? What is the attitude of Congress toward the basing point and delivered price systems?

### **W.P.A.?**

To what extent has the W.P.A. program increased the number of governmental plants? Will the demand for budgetary retrenchment produce a curtailed W.P.A. program in 1938? What effect has this program had on industrial employment?

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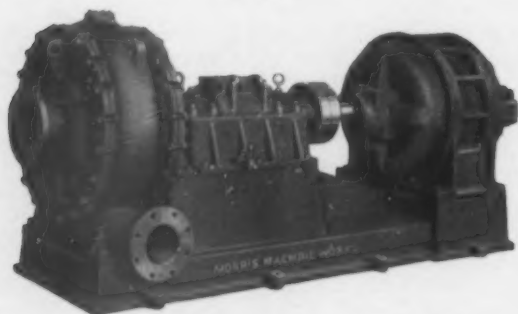
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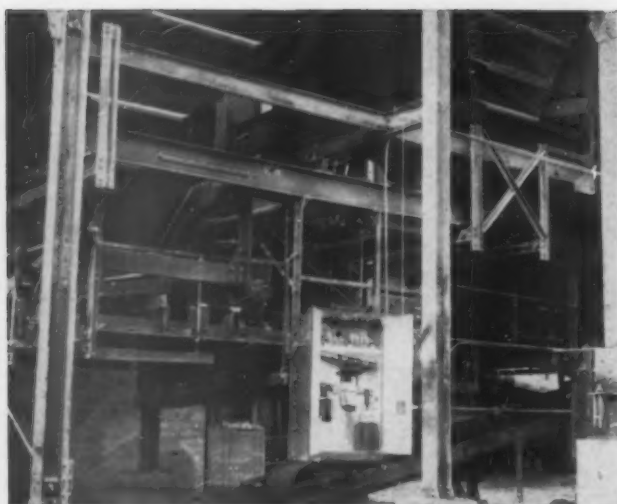


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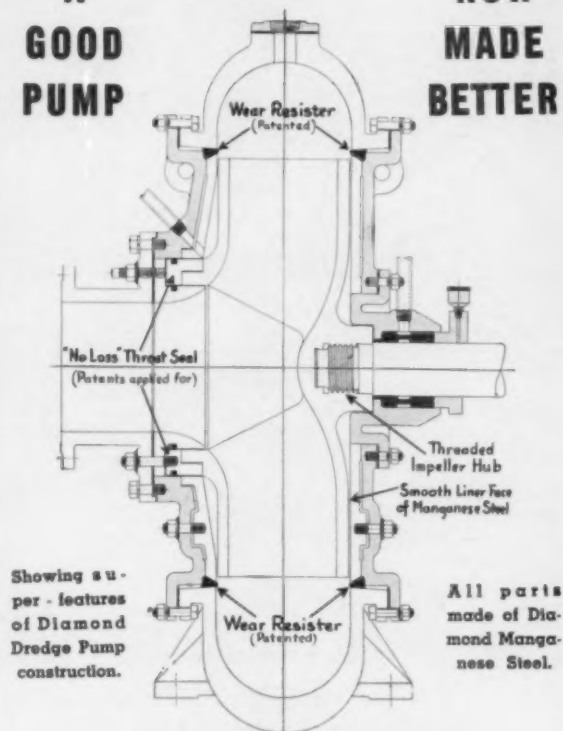
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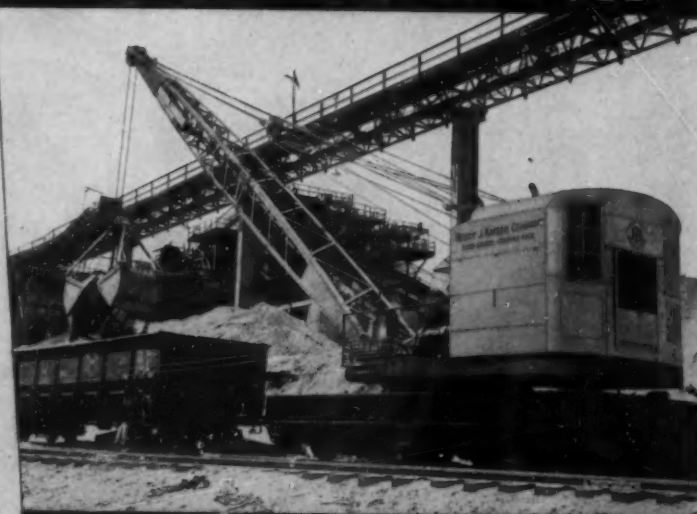
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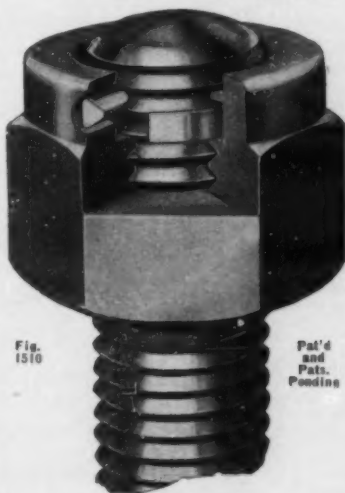


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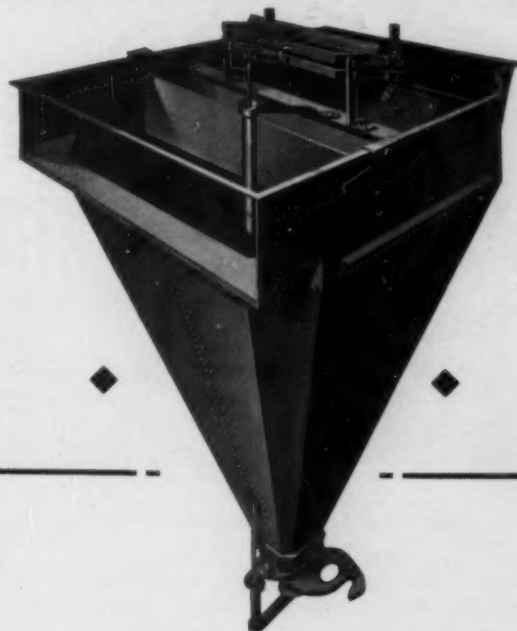
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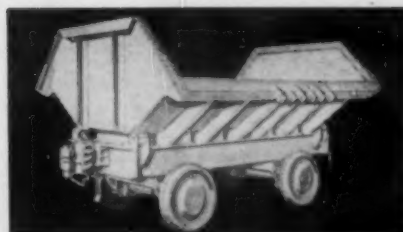
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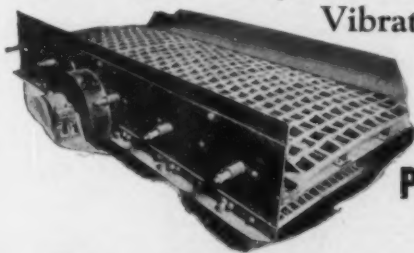
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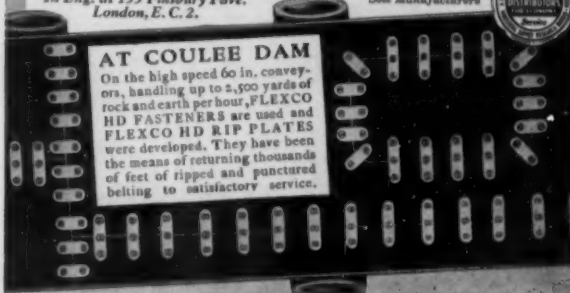
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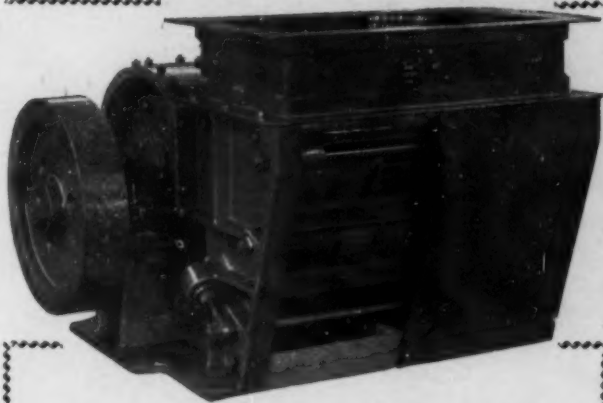
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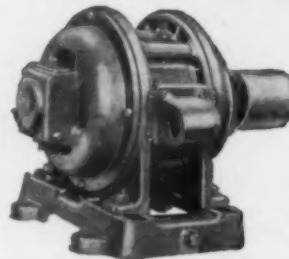
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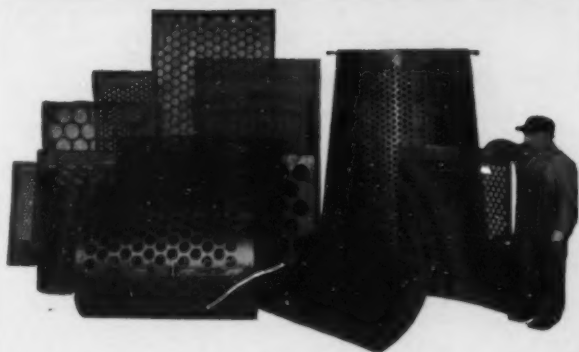
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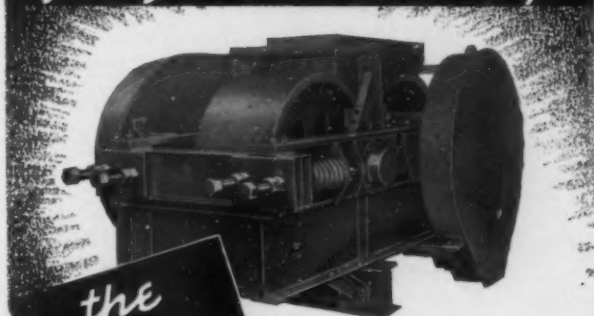


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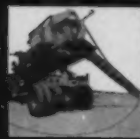
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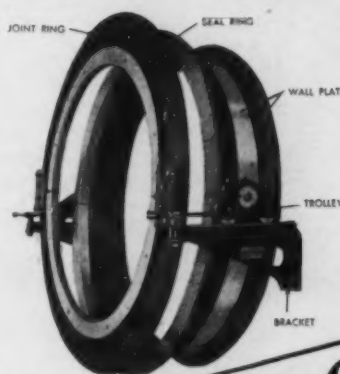
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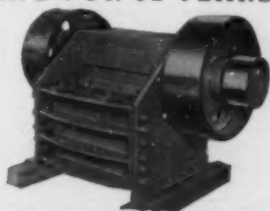
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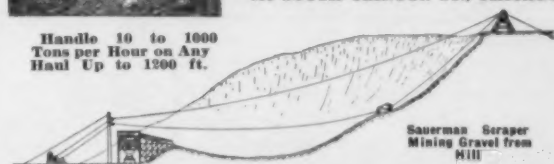
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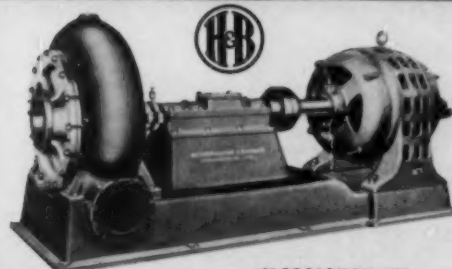
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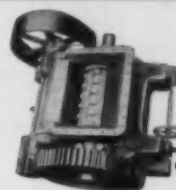
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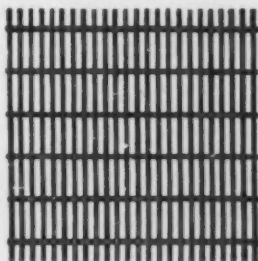
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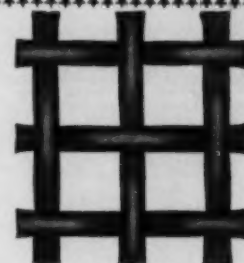
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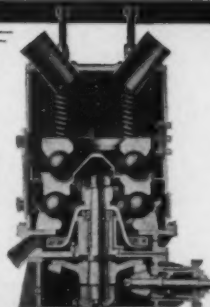
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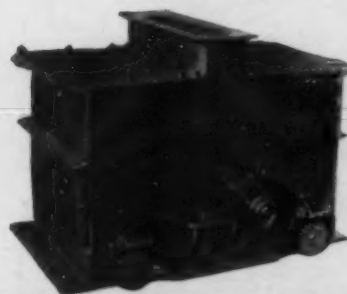
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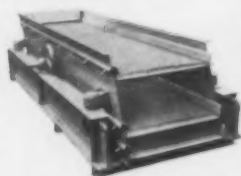
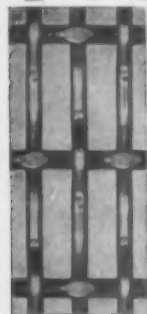
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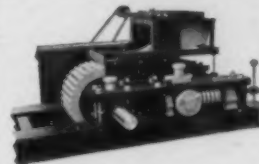
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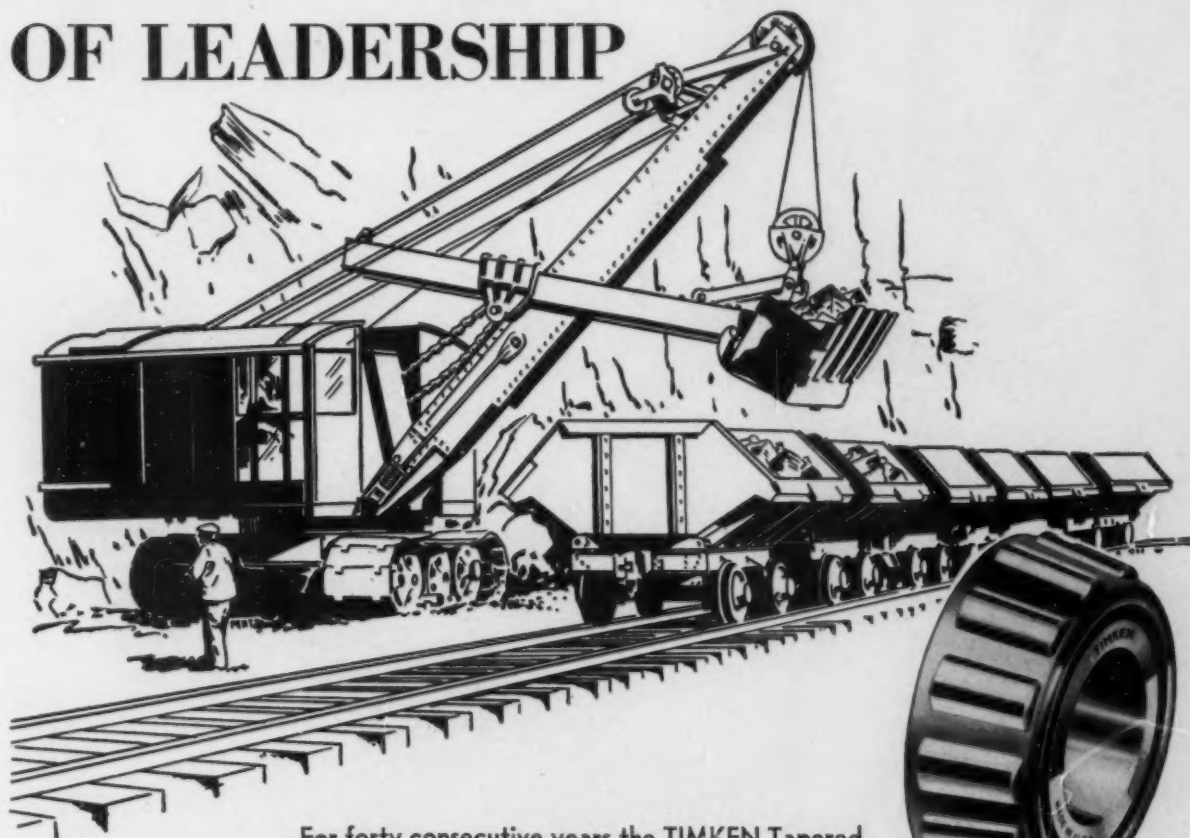
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